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'Pindown' punishment of youngsters in care to provoke strong criticism

Social workers lambasted for child humiliation

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SOCIAL workers in Staffordshire will face a barrage of criticism today for subjecting children in care to an humiliating punishment called pindown.

More than a hundred children, some as young as nine, are said to have been locked in solitary confinement for long periods, dressed only in their nightwear. During their isolation, they were forbidden to talk to anyone and were given mundane tasks such as copying from telephone directories.

The procedure, used at four homes over a period of six years, is expected to be condemned today in a 300-page report by Allan Levy QC and Barbara Kahan, an independent child care expert. Mr Levy is also likely to launch a strong attack on Staffordshire social services and its mismanagement of the homes. Several families have prepared writs alleging false imprisonment.

Tony Latham, the senior social worker said to have introduced pindown in 1983, is also expected to come under heavy criticism in the report, as will other senior managers who allowed the practice to continue. Ten social workers, including the deputy directors John Spurr and Peter Crockett, have been sent on paid leave. Barry O'Neill, who was director of social services while pindown was being used, took early retirement last year.

Mr Latham also set up a network of voluntary organisations and private companies, which were awarded contracts to provide services for the social services department. These, too, have been investigated by Mr Levy.

The government has already been embarrassed by a report that showed negligible control over teenagers in care in Southwark who were involved in drug taking and staying out all night. That and the imminent Staffordshire enquiry report prompted the government on Tuesday to set up a national review to draw up guidelines for the monitoring and control of children. William Waldegrave, the health secretary, is anxious to find a balance between too little and too much control over the 11,000 children still in residential care.

His action in calling for a review by Sir William Utting, head of the government's social services inspectorate, has been seen as an attempt to deflect criticism from the inspectorate, which failed to recognise the maltreatment in Staffordshire, even though it investigated two of the homes concerned in 1987.

Mr Waldegrave said last night that the Levy report would be considered seriously and any recommendations considered by Sir William. "If there are any lessons to be learnt, they must be learnt quickly," he said. The NSPCC has called on the government to extend the review to boarding schools, residential units for deaf and disabled children and foster care.

The Levy enquiry, commissioned by Staffordshire county council in July last year, was told that while children were subjected to pindown, they were left in sparsely-furnished rooms and kept in silence. They had to ask permission to go to the lavatory or to speak to a social worker. Personal possessions, including clothes, magazines and music were removed. The children would rise at 7am and go to bed, following a bath, at 7pm.

Critics of the scheme say it contained the worst elements of insitutional control centred on strict routine segregation and isolation, but social workers have claimed that by isolating disturbed and difficult teenagers they would have time to reconsider and correct their behaviour.

The system was discontinued when a High Court order was issued in 1989 after some of the children appeared to have become clinically depressed. One girl tried to commit suicide by jumping out of a window to escape the treatment.

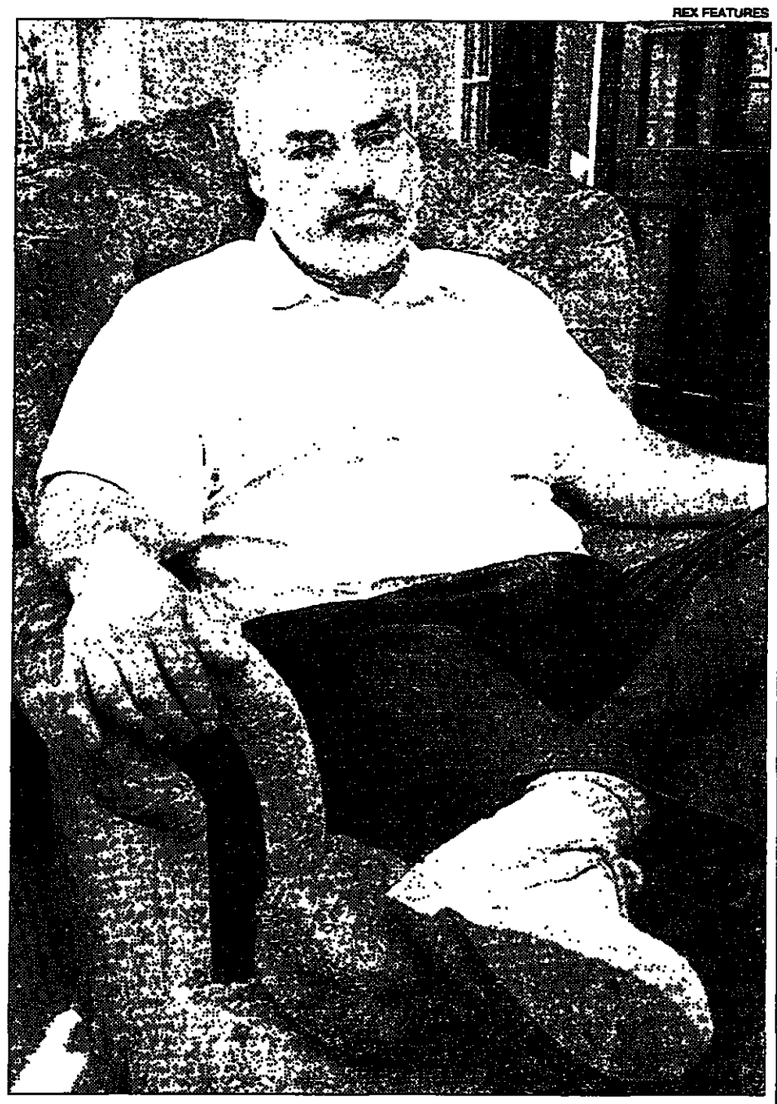
Michael Poulter, Staffordshire's social services committee chairman, said last night that his department had heard about the pindown regime only in October 1989. Since then, the council had put its house in order, he said. "We have appointed a new director of social services and carried out a systematic review of all residential child care units. We are now well on the way to recovery."

Bob Lewis, secretary of the Association of Directors of Social Services, denied yesterday that the problems in Staffordshire were being repeated elsewhere. "It would be quite wrong to give the impression that these sorts of problems occur in children's homes throughout the country." But he added that many disturbed youngsters who would in the past have gone to approved schools were now in ordinary children's homes where staff lacked the training to cope with their problems.

David Jones, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers said one of the scandals of the child care service was that one in five workers involved was untrained. "Yet we expect them to look after some of the most distressed and challenging children. The government should take a clear lead in ensuring that staff at residential homes have the training and the resources they need."

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At the eye of the storm: Tony Latham, the senior Staffordshire social worker said to be responsible for introducing the "pindown" punishment in children's homes

Moscow will open door to foreign investment

*The Soviet Union, seeking £500 billion of Western capital, is ready to offer investors the guarantees they want, **Mary Dejevsky** reports from Moscow*

THE Soviet Union stepped up its quest for massive Western economic help yesterday, with the presentation to parliament of a watershed bill on foreign investment offering many of the guarantees Western companies have wanted.

For the first time foreigners will be allowed to set up wholly-owned companies, buy property and invest in Soviet shares and bonds. They may also be able to buy land, but this extremely delicate question has not been decided. Some individual republic and local authorities have tried to introduce similar measures for foreign property and share ownership in the past year, but the absence of such provision in central, all-union legislation, has been a stumbling block and a source of confusion. The absence of any central guidance has left would-be investors waiting indefinitely for local decisions to be endorsed.

Presenting the bill, which had a relatively smooth first reading, Valentin Pavlov, the Soviet prime minister, said that the Soviet economy needed investment of at least 500 billion roubles (£500 billion) to modernise its backward industry – nearly five times more than the highest Western estimates.

At the same time Anatoli Lukyanov, the chairman of the Soviet parliament, gave a warning that any attempt by the West to set tough conditions for financial assistance would be rejected. If Mr Gorbachev goes to the Group of Seven summit in London – for which he is openly lobbying for an invitation – "he will not go as a supplicant. He will go with a complete programme, not with requests. It will say what we are prepared to do and what guarantees we will give."

Mr Lukyanov was speaking at a private lunch for foreign correspondents, the first such occasion held in Moscow. Asked what Moscow would do if the Group of Seven either declined to invite Mr Gorbachev or found his programme unsatisfactory, Mr Lukyanov said: "Then we will work. Everything will go much more slowly, but we will use our own possibilities and develop relations first and foremost with the other (Soviet) republics. This is not the sort of country that can accept tough conditions."

The long-awaited bill on foreign investment contains a legal guarantee on enforced nationalisation, providing for compensation in the event of nationalisation or a change of regime. This is intended to banish the spectre of the confiscatory nationalisation carried out by the Bolsheviks after the 1917 revolution.

If the bill goes through on its second reading without amendment, foreigners will be able to repatriate profits without restriction. Foreign companies will then be able to convert their rouble earnings through the auction rate, which presently trades in excess of $30 a rouble, against the official rate of only $0.6.

The reform signals a greater use of the bi-

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Ethiopia rebels fire on crowds

From MICHA ODENHEIMER IN ADDIS ABABA

THE city of Addis Ababa erupted in violence yesterday as soldiers from the Ethiopian rebel forces fired into crowds of angry demonstrators outside the US embassy and elsewhere in the capital, killing at least eight people.

The demonstrators were protesting against the victorious Ethiopian Revolutionary Democratic Front and the United States, which they complained had encouraged the Tigrean-led rebels to enter Addis Ababa on Monday while peace talks were still being conducted in London. Ethnic tension is high in the volatile atmosphere of Addis Ababa, traditionally ruled by the Amharas.

In London the Eritrean Liberation Front, which fought alongside the Ethiopian front but favours secession, said it was forming a provisional government for the Red Sea province. A radio spokesman for the Ethiopian front later announced that demonstrations, which it previously tolerated, were now forbidden until further notice.

The Ethiopian front also extended the travel ban in Addis Ababa to diplomats and ordered all Ethiopians and foreigners to remain in their homes. THe demonstrators, who carried long green branches symbolising peace, sang songs in praise of Ethiopian unity and chanted slogans deriding the American

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Bush wages war on arms race

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday unveiled an initiative to rid the Middle East of weapons of mass destruction and to prevent a new arms race in the region. A White House outline of the plan, which Mr Bush was to flesh out later, said it would call on Israel and the Arab nations to agree to a ban on the production or acquisition of weapons-grade nuclear material and to place all nuclear facilities under international inspection.

The plan proposed a region-wide freeze on the acquisition, production and testing of all surface-to-surface missiles with a view to their ultimate elimination, and called on all Middle East countries to ban chemical weapons.

The initiative urged the world's five biggest arms suppliers – the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China – to meet soon to draft guidelines to restrict sales of conventional weaponry to levels that states "legitimately need to deter and defend against military aggression". France has agreed to host the first meeting.

The five would also be asked to agree ways of tightening exports of missile technology and technology related to weapons of mass destruction. Washington also wants the five nations, who are all permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, to notify each other in advance of orders and to avoid "destabilising" deals.

Mr Bush's initiative has been the subject of extensive consultations with American allies and the Soviet Union, but it appeared to face several obstacles. At present Israel is the only Middle East state with a nuclear capability and it would require powerful inducements to make it surrender that advantage. Many of the proposals, such as the missile freeze, also require the mutual and voluntary agreement of Israel and the Arab states, and that would be extremely hard to achieve.

Prince in £6m appeal

THE Prince of Wales yesterday launched a £6 million appeal for the first international schizophrenia research centre at a British university and King Fahd of Saudi Arabia pledged £1.7 million to start the venture.

Speaking at the launch at the Savoy in London, the prince criticised the government's policy of care in the community for the mentally ill and pledged to help the schizophrenia charity, Sane, to raise money to establish the new centre.

He said schizophrenia was the most damaging and widespread cause of mental illness among young people.

King Fahd's gift came after the prince told him how schizophrenia affects one in a hundred people around the world.

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Recession 'fuelling long-term inflation'

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

RECESSION is causing severe damage to Britain's economic potential, reducing productivity growth and raising inflation for years to come, according to the government-funded but politically independent National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

It says the loss of productive capacity caused by the present slump in investment will cut Britain's medium-term rate of productivity growth by about 1 per cent annually and could add almost 4 per cent to the average level of prices by 1993. The institute's findings represent the most authoritative attempt to put statistical flesh on the main criticism of Treasury policy, voiced by industrial leaders and politicians, that the recession has become counter-productive, even in terms of the government's main objective of conquering inflation.

But it exonerates the government from direct blame for the recession, saying the Treasury did no worse than outside forecasters in failing to foresee the depth of decline.

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What has 90 legs and is 95 million years old?

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TUNNELLERS ten miles out beneath the English Channel have stumbled across a creature that got there 95 million years before they did.

A large and perfect fossil of a prehistoric shellfish belonging to the same family as the octopus and squid was spotted by Chris Snedden, an assistant surveyor working for Trans-Manche Link, the company drilling the tunnel. The fossil, a foot across, was embedded in the chalk through which the tunnel is being drilled.

The creature swam by jet propulsion, and may have had enough arms to make an octopus feel deprived – perhaps as many as 90. A member of the class of marine molluscs known as cephalopods, its closest surviving relation is the chambered nautilus. In its day it was a highly sophisticated creature with a well developed brain, but today there are few survivors of the class.

Stuart Warren, a TML geologist, said that Mr Snedden realised the significance of the fossil immediately. "He has found quite a few smaller fossils which he has given to local schools for use in class. The important thing about this discovery is its large size and the fact that it is virtually perfectly preserved." The fossil was found in a duct being dug by hand.



Long wait: Channel fossil in daylight at last

Hugh Owen, deputy keeper of palaeontology at the Natural History Museum, says that the fossil is that of *Cymatoceras elegans*, an extinct variety of nautilus whose only survivors today live in the Pacific. Though not the largest found, Dr Owen says that the new Channel fossil is "quite a sizeable beast" and in good condition. When cleaned and separated from surrounding rock, which will take about a month, it will be put on display in the museum.

When the fossil was alive 95 to 97 million years ago, much of Britain and northwest Europe was covered by warm seas, with only a few peaks rising above the waterline. When the creature died it formed part of the sediments that built up into the chalk marl through which the Channel tunnel is being drilled.

The chalk outcrops at each end of the tunnel and fossils have been found there, but the significance of the new find, according to Dr Owen, is that it comes from a unique site right under the middle of the Channel. "In that sense it is a very interesting specimen indeed", he says.

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Solicitors to claim for pindown damages

By BILL FROST

SOLICITORS for some of the young people subjected to the humiliating regime of punishment known as pindown last night drafted damages claims and writs for false imprisonment to be submitted once the official report by Allan Levy, QC, and Barbara Kahan, an independent child care expert, is published.

Kevin Williams, who represents about two dozen former inmates of the four Staffordshire children's homes at the centre of the investigation, said: "What we are dealing with here is outrageous behaviour by one of the biggest local authority social services departments in the country. These children will never forget what has happened to them. But at last they are being believed."

Ten social workers have been put on special paid leave in advance of the report. Among those told not to report for work are two deputy directors of social services, Peter Crockett and John Spurr. Also on leave yesterday was Tony Latham, a senior social worker said to be the architect of pindown.

The technique, which involved extended periods in isolation, was aimed at giving those deemed disruptive the opportunity to reassess and restructure their behaviour. Sometimes children would be left in solitary confinement for days, even weeks. Allegations include them being allowed only their underclothes and a flimsy nightdress even in freezing weather.

Nicola, aged 19, yesterday overcame her revulsion and panic to revisit the children's home at Hartshill Road, Stoke, where she was on pindown during 1986 and 1987. "I went into my old room and I felt sick," she said. "It brought back horrific memories of what had happened to me there."

Her most vivid and disturbing memory was of the first night at Hartshill Road. "I was alone and frightened in a small dark room. The panic just built up and built up. I slashed my wrist and screamed for help. A social worker arrived and said I was a stupid girl."

Nicola had been taken into care for persistent truancy and solvent abuse. Her education at Hartshill Road consisted of copying telephone numbers out of the local directory. Put into solitary confinement and disciplined frequently, she twice absconded. Both times she was found by police, returned to Hartshill Road and punished. "We were all treated like animals. I will never forget what happened."

Michael, aged 17, was taken to Hartshill Road under a child care order imposed for persistent truancy. He was 13½ at the time. He claims he was subjected to long periods of solitary confinement under the pindown regime.

Michael's mother said yesterday that he would never forget his experiences, nor would any of the other children who had been on pindown: "I feel so angry at what has been done to him. It was so degrading." Michael is still unable to sleep if his bedroom door is closed, a legacy, he says, from pindown at Hartshill Road.

His mother said yesterday: "Michael can't stand silence after what he's been through. He still gets the panic attacks but they are not as bad. His education has been ruined; he's a bright, brainy boy but after pindown he could not concentrate on his schoolwork any more. He could not stay in a classroom because the quietness reminded him of solitary confinements.

"The point is you cannot compensate children for experiences like pindown," she said.

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The Birches, one of four children's homes being investigated; Allan Levy, QC (left), author of the report; Michael and Nicola, who experienced pindown; and Michael Poulter, chairman of the social services committee

Big fine increase for health and safety breaches

By OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MAGISTRATES will be able to fine employers up to £20,000 for each serious breach of health and safety legislation, the Health and Safety Commission announced yesterday.

The sharp increase in magistrates' powers, which could result in fines of close to £250,000 in some multiple-offence cases, will mark a significant extension of the legislative penalties available for health and safety offences.

Home Office ministers have agreed in principle to introduce new legislation when the parliamentary timetable allows it to provide for the new scale of fines. The fines will be in addition to the increase in magistrates' general powers under the criminal justice bill, which aims to raise the maximum fine in a magistrates' court from £2,000 to £5,000.

Officials from the Health and Safety Executive, the operational arm of the commission, persuaded ministers of the pressing need for new penalties in talks stretching over nine months.

John Rimington, the executive's director-general, said yesterday that one of the arguments which had helped to sway ministers was that "we were getting to the situation where the law was specifying higher penalties for the death of bluebells than people".

Analysis by the executive shows that magistrates levy an average fine of £877 in health and safety cases, and officials yesterday attacked magistrates for what it said were "grotesquely inadequate" fines in some cases. The executive will press magistrates to make full use of the new fines.

If they were fully applied, the new fines could greatly increase the financial burden on employers. The executive will also be seeking further legislation to allow magistrates to refer companies, as well as individuals, for sentencing in higher courts.

Setting out its programme of work for 1991-92, the commission said it would be introducing large-scale changes in the safety regime in the North Sea – a new area of responsibility following the Cullen recommendations in the report on the Piper Alpha disaster. Initially there are plans to increase to 400 the 110 staff employed on North Sea safety under the executive's predecessor, the energy department.

Mining, metal manufacture and construction are the industries which are the most dangerous in Britain, according to figures released yesterday by the commission. Other industries which have high accident rates, such as agriculture and fisheries, do not feature in the commission's listings because accidents in them often tend to go unreported.

Lawyer to investigate UCATT

The building workers' union, was in turmoil yesterday after its new, left-wing led executive confirmed the suspension of the general secretary, appointed an acting leader in his place and called in a lawyer to investigate the running of the union (Philip Bassett writes).

The troubles in the 258,000-member Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians are likely to prompt further interest by ministers in new legislation to control trade unions' internal affairs.

Left and right-wing factions have been struggling to control UCATT for some years, with both sides alleging ballot-rigging and internal irregularities. Recently, re-run elections for the union's executive replaced three long-standing right-wingers with three left-wingers, giving the left control of the five-strong executive council.

The new executive has decided by three votes to two to suspend on full pay Albert Williams, a right-winger who has been general secretary since 1985 and is due to retire next year. Peter Lenahan, the new left-wing chairman of the union, said yesterday that a leading QC was to be asked to investigate the running of the union.

Sky's horizons

British Sky Broadcasting is to spend £25 million on advertising this autumn in an effort to reach more than three million homes before the end of the year. The five-channel satellite company, which is spending £5 million on a current campaign on ITV, said yesterday it expected to increase the number of its subscribers – on cable and satellite dish – from 2.5 million to more than three million in the next six months. BSkyB now commands 30 per cent of British viewing time.

£25,000 prize for Claire Tomalin



Claire Tomalin was last night awarded the NCR (National Cash Register) prize for non-fiction. The £25,000 prize is Britain's most valuable book award.

The presentation was made at the Savoy Hotel, London, for *The Invisible Woman*, a biography of Nelly Terman, who was Charles Dickens's companion for the last 13 years of his life and, according to Tomalin, his secret mistress.

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Sutcliffe ruling

Sonia Sutcliffe, wife of Peter Sutcliffe, the Yorkshire Ripper, will not face perjury charges after allegations about her evidence during libel hearings in the High Court. A spokesman for Sir Allan Green, QC, director of public prosecutions, said yesterday there was insufficient evidence to justify proceedings.

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Consultant clears abuse case parents

By KERRY GILL

A COUPLE whose four children have been held in care for almost a year after allegations of ritual sexual abuse have been told that an independent report by a consultant paediatrician had found no evidence of abuse.

The report's conclusions, compiled by David Reid, director of the Medical Institute for Research into Child Cruelty, were disclosed after the family's solicitor asked him to assess evidence of alleged sexual abuse found on the two elder children, girls aged 11 and nine.

Dr Reid's report said that there was "no evidence of any form of sexual or genital abuse" in either of the children in spite of the evidence submitted by the chief medical officer of Strathclyde police and a consultant paediatrician at the Greater Glasgow health board.

The parents, from Ayrshire, have not seen their three younger children since their seizure last June.

Patchy support reported in post office strike

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

POST Office managers expect a further slide in support for strike action by counter staff today after the first day of a four-day national strike over pay drew a patchy response.

Because Thursday is a particularly heavy day for the payment of pensions, support for the strike could be crucial today. The Post Office said last night that as 95 per cent of its counters were in sub-post offices not affected by the national strike, and because it expected even more main offices targeted in the strike to remain open, most pensioners would be able to claim their pensions without undue difficulty.

The strike committee of the Union of Communication Workers will meet today to review the progress of the action, called among the union's 12,500 counter members over a 7 per cent pay offer but post ofice managers have no plans to meet the union at present.

Instead, on the basis of yesterday's patchy response to the strike call, and what they believe will be a dwindling response as the four-day stoppage progresses, they will wait out the union's action in the belief that it is not sustainable.

The Post Office said yesterday that the strike call was being largely ignored by counter staff. It claimed that 70 per cent of the staff involved were working normally, and that 80 per cent of the main Crown post offices were open for business.

The Post Office said that it was "encouraged by the good sense of many of our staff, who recognise that this strike is futile and unnecessary. Clearly the union should now call off the action and put our revised 7 per cent pay offer to a ballot." The union, however, denied the Post Office's figures, and claimed that "a good 80 per cent" of its counter members had supported the strike, and that most offices were running on a skeleton staff of senior managers and were giving a poor service to the public.

Alan Tuffin, the union's general secretary, said that there were now more members out on strike than had originally voted to take action when the initial pay offer of 6.8 per cent was put to ballot. He said that the response to the strike "nails the lie from Post Office management that our members would not strike in protest at a pay offer of 7 per cent".

More than half the counter staff are female. Basic weekly pay for a postal officer is £212.89, although the Post Office said average earnings were £240.77 a week.

Support for the strike around the country was mixed. In some areas, such as the Midlands, most offices were open, with only ten out of 339 staff in three counties joining the action. But in other areas, including Swansea and Liverpool, support for the strike was strong.

Nine offices in mid-Wales were kept open for part of the day by senior managers and were then closed in the afternoon. Only ten of 109 main offices in the South-West were closed, though in Northern Ireland almost all the main offices were shut. In Scotland, 1,300 staff were working and 414 were on strike. In Oxford, all main offices were open, while in London – parts of which were not involved in the strike having taken action last week – 104 offices were closed out of 182.

● Leaders of 750,000 local authority white-collar workers yesterday rejected a 6.1 per cent pay offer, and gave a warning of their intention to ballot on a strike.

Managers counter the pickets

By ALICE THOMSON

A NOTE on the door told customers that the Trafalgar Square post office was closed due to industrial action. Management, however, had other ideas. Rallying a few managers together by midday, they strode through the official picket line to open London's largest post office for business a little later than usual.

Most customers turned away as they saw the placards outside protesting against the proposed pay rise of 6.8 per cent and about thirty striking counter staff blocking the entrance. The few who soldiered on were greeted by Phil Andrews, branch secretary for the West Central London Counter staff.

"We're here to make a stand over our shoddy treatment," he said. "We are not asking for a pay rise, all we want is to keep up with inflation. We just can't afford to earn any less than we are at present."

Paul Martin, who had come to pick up a car licence application, gave them his support as he left empty-handed. "I feel sorry for them. There seems to be one rule for us and one for the head of the Bank of England." Sonya Galloway, who had just popped in to buy some stamps in her lunch hour, said: "I think they should get danger money for standing behind those counters and risking a gun in their face." She was instantly guided to the automatic stamp machine.

London Bridge post office remained closed. One pensioner said: "I'm too old to start gallivanting around London looking for another post office. Why don't they belt up and accept what they are given like the rest of us?"

The economy's gain is union's loss

IN A quiet Whitehall hotel last week, at a reasonably sedate party being hosted by the GMB general union, journalists were suddenly galvanised by a story about that most unusual of contemporary occurrences: a strike. A four-day national strike among 14,000 post office counter staff.

To the galaxy of union officials at the reception, a counter strike looked unhelpful, especially to the Labour party, but many were doubtful that support for a strike – any strike – in the present recession could be anything much more than patchy.

The response of main post office counter staff to the first day of the strike yesterday bore out their judgment, and reflects the awkward economic fix in which the staff and their union find themselves over the pay dispute at the heart of the dispute.

For months now, leaders of the Confederation of British Industry have been urging employers to delay their settlements because the prospect of rapidly falling inflation would greatly strengthen management hands in reaching lower pay settlements. The counter staff have been caught by just such a trap.

Pay settlements are reached because of a number of factors. Inflation is the dominant one. But comparability – not in precise, technical terms, but in the rough sense of what everyone else is getting: the going rate – is also important to employees and their unions.

> The post office strike shows that playing a waiting game can reward employers facing pay claims. **Philip Bassett** explains how

At the turn of this year post office pay settlements were coming in at around 9-10 per cent. Eleven thousand junior and middle-managers settled for 9.5 per cent from January 1, 7,000 clerical staff for 10.4 per cent. Most importantly of all for the counter staff and their union, the Union of Communication Workers, the 165,000 postmen and women – the bulk of the union's membership – also settled for 10.4 per cent.

In post office terms, all these staff are in a different business – Royal Mail Letters. But the employees, and certainly the union negotiators, do not take such a compartmentalised management view. For them, a comparable deal of 9-10 per cent became the target at which to aim.

In January, inflation stood at 9 per cent, down from its October peak of 10.9 per cent but still high. As the talks went on with the union, inflation was falling, though when PO Counters made its original 6.8 per cent offer inflation stood at 8.2 per cent. Ministers have been calling for wage negotiators to look at prospective, rather than retrospective, inflation, and the sharp drop in the retail price index a fortnight ago to 6.4 per cent suddenly outpaced the counter staff's offer, now raised to 7 per cent.

In the interim, the union balloted its 12,500 counter members and got a mixed response: only two-thirds voted, and of those 4,613 (55.3 per cent) were for striking, and 3,732 (44.7 per cent) were against. Union negotiators tend to regard a 55-45 vote as just about the worst majority possible: requiring a strike, but too little support to win it.

For its part, PO Counters has been stressing comparability too, as well as inflation. Sub-postmasters, numbering 19,500, had settled for 7 per cent. So had 3,500 counter-management grades. Managers know that Alan Tuffin, the union's affable general secretary, recommended to his executive that the 7 per cent offer, perhaps with a little repackage to improve it cosmetically, should be accepted, but he was turned down and the national strike was suddenly on.

Managers believe that despite that decision, the pincers of falling inflation and the general economic climate will bite upon the counter staff, and that a patchy first day's strike will be followed by others, and the dispute will eventually end uneasily with a deal.

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Charity launches £6m appeal

Prince attacks care in the community for schizophrenics

By ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales criticised the government's policy of care in the community for the mentally ill yesterday as it was disclosed that King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has pledged £1.75 million to help to establish the first international schizophrenia research centre at a British university.

The prince was speaking at the launch at the Savoy of a £6 million appeal on behalf of Sane, the schizophrenia charity. Addressing the lunchtime gathering of businessmen, financiers and other potential donors, he said that in recent years successive governments had followed a policy of having the mentally ill treated in the community, but sadly it was not always the case that the necessary degree of care could be provided.

"There are others, more severely damaged by schizophrenia, for whom living outside hospital is not always the answer," he said. "At best, they would be a burden on their family, unless and until the strain grew too great. But then what happens to them if no safe haven is available? At worst, they would have no choice but to sleep rough: 40 per cent of those who do are mentally ill, or so it is estimated."

In some cases, community care was not the answer, and there would always be those whose overriding need was for security and protection. That did not necessarily mean putting people in hospital, but it did mean providing some sort of immediate haven where sufferers could be treated and freed from immediate pressures, the prince said.



The prince yesterday: "If only we could find a cure"

The charity plans to establish a round-the-clock telephone helpline, as well as improving community care for sufferers and establishing the research centre, which will be attached to the medical faculty of Oxford, Cambridge or London university, depending upon which can offer the best facilities. King Fahd's donation, which will also enable the founding of the first professorial chair in the mental illness, resulted from an encounter over tea between his nephew, Prince Turki al Faisal, and the Prince of Wales, who is patron of Sane.

There was no suggestion yesterday that the gift was in any way a token of thanks for Britain's role in the Gulf war; it is conditional on a similar sum being raised from British sources.

The prince said that schizophrenia, which afflicted 250,000 people in Britain, was the most damaging and widespread cause of mental illness among young people; it affected the happiness and fulfilment of hundreds of thousands, yet it remained one of those wilfully forgotten "out of sight and out of mind" subjects.

"There is no doubt that it is an unfashionable cause, and that is partly why I feel it is so important. People whose minds are disturbed are not usually socially attractive, but if only we could find a cure to their inner anguish, what satisfaction that would give them; what relief to their families and friends.

"Putting aside humanitarian and ethical considerations, when mental illness fills four out of ten NHS beds (more than any other single illness) it is surely just sensible economics to invest a reasonable sum of money in the hope of discovering improved methods of prevention, treatment and cure."

Sane (Schizophrenia — A National Emergency) was founded five years ago after an award-winning series of articles on the so-called "forgotten illness" in *The Times* by the journalist Marjorie Wallace. Ms Wallace, who is now executive director of the organisation, said yesterday that the idea of caring for the mentally ill in the community had been neither sufficiently researched nor resourced. As a result, the closure of mental hospitals had forced many sufferers into shabby lodgings or prison, or back on to their families who could not cope.



Rucksana Khan, aged six, leaves hospital ten days after being attacked by a pit bull terrier

Vets think Baker will drop pit bull death sentence

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE veterinary profession and animal charities believe that ministers are preparing to back down over plans to outlaw the ownership of fighting dogs, which would necessitate the destruction of at least 10,000 animals.

They think the government is coming round to the view that it would be better to phase out breeds such as the pit bull terrier by neutering dogs and banning the importation of such animals. Owners would almost certainly be forced to muzzle fighting dogs in public and to take out third party insurance.

Whitehall officials confirmed last night that Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, had been surprised by the vehemence of protests to his announcement last week that pit bulls should be destroyed en masse. He was now investigating calls by groups such as the British Veterinary Association (BVA) for the breed to be phased out.

Publicly, Mr Baker still maintains that the best way of neutralising the danger is by an immediate ban on the ownership, as well as the breeding, of fighting dogs. He believes that the vast majority of owners would voluntarily have their pets put down.

The BVA, however, politely told him yesterday that he was being naive and that many owners would refuse to be so compliant. The BVA argued that the most realistic and humane method of curbing the menace was to implement a four-point programme: compulsory muzzling of fighting dogs in public; mandatory neutering; and compulsory registration and third party insurance. The same demands will be made by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals when it meets Mr Baker tomorrow.

The BVA has also suggested that vets should provide "references" where there is a dispute about the danger posed by an individual dog. No one knows precisely how many pit bulls there are in Britain, but the Home Office believes it is around 10,000. Some estimates put the total at 50,000.

As the vets met Mr Baker, Rucksana Khan, the girl aged six who was savaged by a pit bull ten days ago, left hospital in Bradford having made an astonishing recovery, doctors said.

Owners of pit bulls yesterday again criticised the government's plans. Noreen Reid, director of the newly-formed Save the Pit Bull Terrier campaign, said owners would "go underground" if the breed were banned.

Britain 'is pauper of European ballet'

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is losing its place as a major producer of ballet dancers because our youngsters are flabby and not hungry for success, according to Christopher Gable, founder and artistic director of the Central School of Ballet.

Mr Gable, a former principal dancer with the Royal Ballet and now artistic director of the Northern Ballet Theatre, said: "Dancing at the top level requires consistent long-term dedication, and too few youngsters are prepared to commit themselves to it. They are not hungry enough to succeed.

"Mothers think dancing classes would be nice for their little girls because it is graceful, and later the girls come to professional schools and still expect it to be graceful. Professional ballet is extremely hard work, at least as hard as for a world class athlete or gymnast, and too many drop out saying they didn't realise how hard it would be.

"We have become the paupers of Europe and unless something is done quickly ballet dancers in this country will become an endangered species," he said.

Mr Gable, born in London's East End, said that too many dancers were coming from middle-class backgrounds and could pay their own fees, but were not attuned to the work ethic. "They have got to be prepared to work like stink for 16 to 18 hours a day, to go beyond the limits every day, to get to a proper professional standard."

A more immediate problem, he said, was funding in Britain where there was a refusal to recognise ballet as a life-enhancing art form. Male dancers suffered most, and more than half the male pupils at the Central School had no local authority grant.

Ann Stannard, who founded the Central School with Mr Gable in 1982 and is now its administrator, said it received generous support from sponsors but added: "Without support from public funding there is a question as to whether schools like this can survive."

Brothers deny double killing after car crash

A MINOR traffic accident led to the murder of a widow, aged 84, and her son, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Two brothers aged 16 and 17 took revenge when Philip Cosburn's car clipped the wing of theirs, causing a small dent, the jury was told. John Bevan, for the prosecution, said the pair confronted Mr Cosburn, aged 43, in his home, where they stabbed and beat him to death. He had 19 fractures to his ribs.

His mother, Eileen Daide, who weighed under 7st and was less than 5ft tall, was probably killed because she witnessed her son's murder, Mr Bevan said. "The brothers' behaviour that night was almost unbelievably heartless. What took place was quite simply an orgy of violence."

The court was told that the pair arrived at Mr Cosburn's house at 7.15pm. Neighbours listened to shouts, crashes and muffled moans until the pair left at about midnight.

The brothers, from east London, deny murdering Mr Cosburn and his mother at their home in Manor Park on October 22 last year.

The trial continues today.

'Old peoples' biscuit supper taken by dog'

THE owner of an old people's home left residents with only a biscuit for supper, but her pet dobermann dog would often take them, the nurses' conduct committee was told yesterday.

Sonia Metcalf, aged 54, often arrived back from pubs under the influence of drink, and did not provide enough staff at the Cliff Residential Home in Ilkley, West Yorkshire, said Katrina Wingfield, solicitor to the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting.

Mrs Metcalf denies 23 charges of misconduct while proprietor of the home in 1987 and 1988, including failure to provide enough food or produce drug records, drinking alcohol before going on duty, and failing to seek medical aid for a resident.

A former care assistant, Jane Argyle, of Ilkley, told of her concern at deteriorating standards after Mrs Metcalf took over. Mrs Argyle said that she could not approach Mrs Metcalf if there were any problems at the home because "most of the time she was under the influence of drink".

The hearing continues today.

A survey conducted in 10 countries indicates that schizophrenia has a biological basis

Schizophrenia: the root of the problem



Through the looking glass to a life of mental anguish

Few realise they are ill. But the suffering of schizophrenics is real. **Alan Hamilton** looks at some disturbing case histories

HAMLET'S Ophelia, the young doctor's wife in Scott Fitzgerald's *Tender Is The Night*, and the painter Vincent Van Gogh were all victims of schizophrenia. Today, the affliction claims an estimated 55 million sufferers worldwide.

Andrew was a journalist working in Rome when he became convinced that the intelligence agencies he was investigating were persecuting him. Everyone, even his wife and parents, had joined the plot.

Fleeing from one country to another, driven by voices, he would believe the airports' tannoy systems had special messages for him, and that even his toothbrush was bugged. Like many sufferers, he had no idea he was ill. "I thought I was going through the looking glass into a new reality."

After treatment, he has learned to accept his illness. He now works part-time, and lives happily with his wife and young daughter.

Simon won a scholarship at school and could have become a talented artist. Now aged 29, he sits alone in his darkened bedroom all day, afraid even to watch television because he believes those on the screen can read his thoughts.

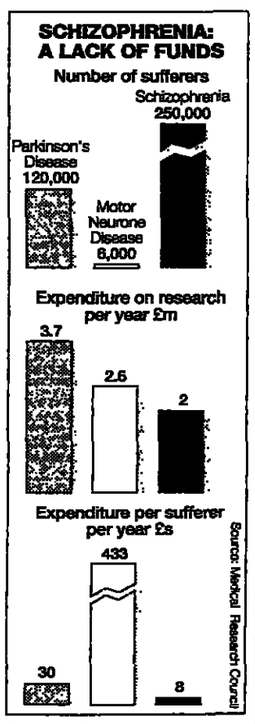
He has been in and out of hospital and prison, and after a period of homelessness now lives again with his mother. She cannot leave the house for fear that he will take an overdose of pills, and hardly dares sleep at night.

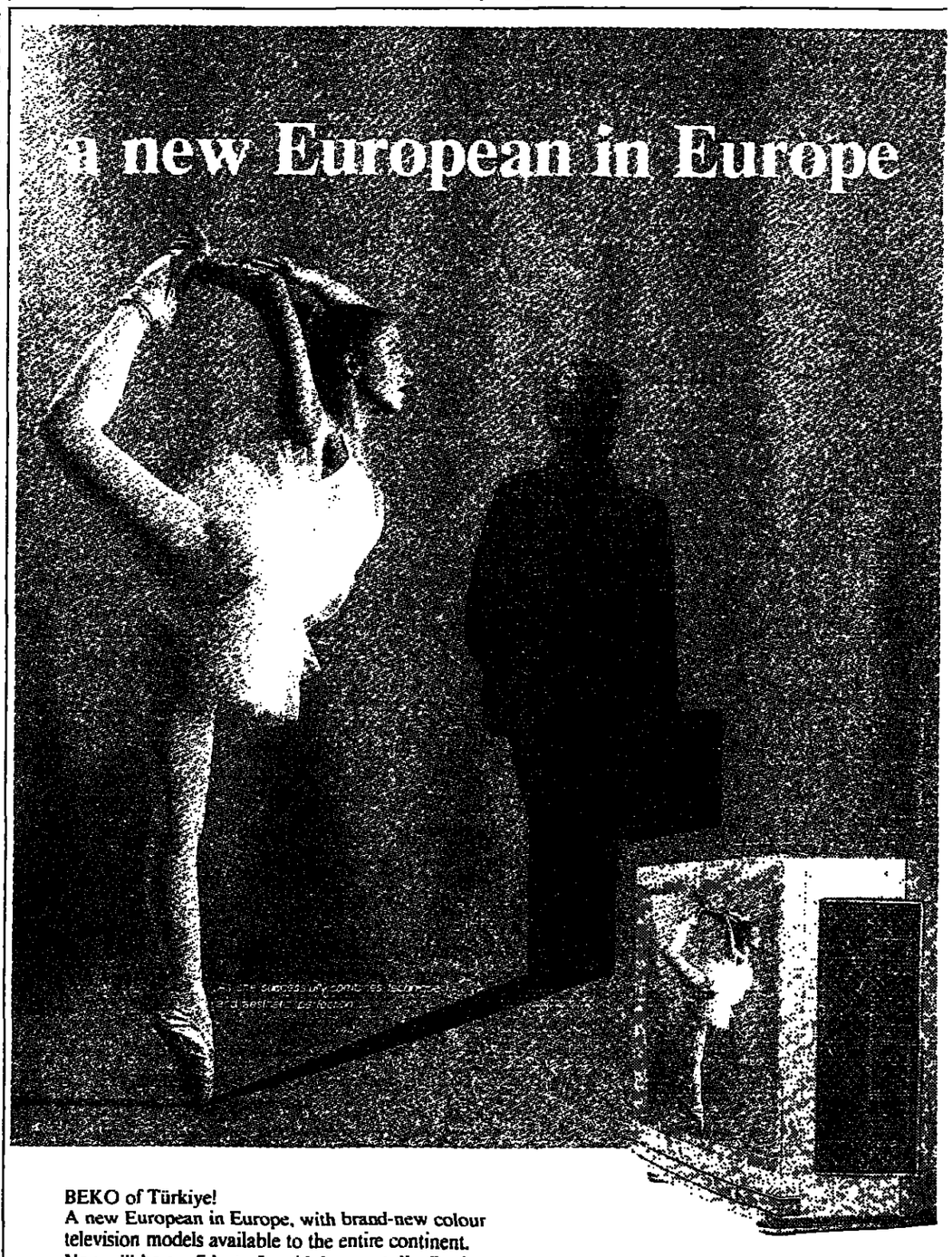
Lorraine, aged 29, spent much of her youth in and out of hospitals and hostels, a victim of the warring ideologies of those who treat schizophrenia as an illness and those who blame the families.

While in local authority care she was allowed to wander the streets barefoot, frightened and deluded. Her parents found her in bed-and-breakfast premises, seven months pregnant without having received any ante-natal care.

After two years in hospital, Lorraine has partly recovered, but there is nowhere for her to live except with her exhausted parents.

Andrew, Simon and Lorraine are only three real cases among the estimated 250,000 schizophrenia sufferers in Britain. One quarter recover completely; the rest remain vulnerable to breakdowns and bouts of mental anguish for the rest of their lives.





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Britons urged to get fit to live longer

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

BRITAIN is in danger of becoming a nation of sloths incapable of climbing the stairs without getting out of breath, the Royal College of Physicians said yesterday. Exercise has diminished and ought to be increased, the college says in a report designed to get people back into regular and sustained activity. They would live longer, look younger and feel better as a result.

Employers, schools, local authorities and doctors could all help by encouraging people to exercise regularly. The benefits outweigh the risks, the college says in the report, prepared with the help of Sir Roger Bannister, who ran the first sub-four-minute mile.

He said yesterday: "Activity has disappeared from work, so it has to be reintroduced by some conscious action." It was very worrying that school sport had declined, because exercise was a habit which, if started in childhood, was likely to persist, but was much harder to begin as an adult.

Brian Pentecost, a consultant at Birmingham United Hospitals and chairman of the working party responsible for the report, said that only about 10 to 15 per cent of the population was sufficiently active. "We are not trying to conceal that exercise can bring potential problems, but the evidence we have is that inactivity is more dangerous than activity," he said. "People do drop dead while jogging, but they also die in their armchairs."

Evidence has suggested that heart disease benefits only from fairly intensive exercise. A study of British civil servants found a protective effect only among those taking vigorous exercise twice a week; among American students, the effect was found only among those who did five hours' very brisk walking or three-and-a-half hours' running a week. Moreover, the protective effect lasts only as long as the exercise continues.

Professor Peter Fentem, of Nottingham university medical school, said that an unfit man who took exercise erratically increased his risk of a heart attack fifty-fold while exercising, and slightly increased it even while resting. A fit man, on the other hand, doubled his risk while exercising but reduced it ten-fold when resting.

Medical Aspects of Exercise (Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, London NW1 4LE; £7.50, 50p p&p)

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Cornish fishermen buy walls of death that trap dolphins

By MICHAEL McCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT, IN REYKJAVIK

BRITAIN was embarrassed at the International Whaling Commission conference in Reykjavik yesterday by the disclosure that Cornish fishermen are planning to use driftnets that are blamed as the main killers of dolphins and porpoises.

Four Cornish skippers have each bought between 3.5 and four miles of the nylon gillnets, known as "walls of death," as they hang in the water like a curtain, indiscriminately killing everything they connect with – dolphins, whales, turtles and seabirds as well as fish.

Earlier this week, the commission's scientists said that the nets, widely used by the Japanese and Taiwanese in the Pacific, were largely to blame for the population slump now occurring among dolphins and porpoises, some species of which are threatened with extinction. A UN resolution, which Britain has endorsed, bans the nets worldwide from next year.

That has not prevented the Cornish skippers, three from Newlyn – Martin Jones of the Pilot Star, Ian Mitchell of the Sowenna and Chris Hill of the Ar Bageergan – and the other from Mevagissey, Freddie Turner of the Britannia V, from each spending £20,000 for nets of their own, believed to be the first imported into Britain. The fishermen are planning to use them from next month to hunt Albacore tuna 300 miles out in the Western approaches.

John Leach, partner of Freddie Turner in the fishing tackle business in Hayle, Cornwall, which supplied the nets, said last night: "There has been a lot of outcry about tuna fishing and dolphins, but that is in the Pacific and it has no bearing on the Atlantic. Greenpeace are welcome to come and observe us."

Although there is nothing in British law to stop them, the European Commission is considering a proposal to ban any driftnet longer than1.5 miles. It will be discussed by European fisheries ministers, including Britain's John Gummer, at their meeting in July. However, nations that have been at the forefront of action to ban driftnetting, including the United States, Australia and New Zealand, were furious when they learnt of the Cornish fishermen's intention.

The American delegation at Reykjavik drafted a resolution yesterday calling for IWC member states to take immediate steps to curtail the expansion of driftnet fisheries into the northeast Atlantic. The move was aimed specifically at Britain. Alison Blackburn, Britain's Whaling Commissioner, threatened to vote against it unless it was altered. Talks were still going on last night and the matter may come before the commission today.

British environmentalists attending the Reykjavik meeting as observers expressed outrage over the proposed use of the driftnets, and called on the government to step in and stop it at once. "Any delay will kill dolphins," Andy Ottaway, whaling campaigner for Greenpeace, said.

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Chosen two: Bishop Thompson, at Wells with his wife Sally and daughter Anna, and Dr Daly (right), receiving congratulations in Armagh

'Bishop Jim' takes Carey's old job

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Bishop of Stepney is to take the Archbishop of Canterbury's old job as Bishop of Bath and Wells.

The Right Rev Jim Thompson, a chartered accountant who has been an outspoken critic of government social policy, is a strong supporter of the ordination of women priests. He is well known for his frequent morning broadcasts on BBC Radio 4's *Thought for the Day*. Bishop Jim, as he likes to be known, described himself yesterday as a catholic evangelical with orthodox and free church leanings.

He dislikes labels and says he is a "people person". He was reportedly turned down by Mrs Thatcher for the post of Bishop of Birmingham four years ago because of his left-wing views, although he describes those views as independent. In his recent book *Stepney Calling* he said: "I try to pursue the manifesto of the Kingdom of God and attend to the issues with the best briefing I can."

His appointment was announced yesterday at Downing Street and soon afterwards in the market square of Wells, Britain's smallest city, by Fred Gibbon, the town crier.

At the age of 54 he is the third bishop to be selected by John Major for submission to the Queen for nomination. He has been in Stepney as one of London's four area bishops since 1978 and some senior churchmen believe that his promotion is long overdue.

He said that he was delighted to be taking over the 1,600 square mile diocese, whose size contrasts with the six square miles of Stepney, an inner city area where he was burgled eight times and had his car broken into five times.

Although his new diocese is superficially different, many of its problems of rural poverty will be similar to the issues of deprivation that he has faced in Stepney.

The bishop, who like his predecessor is a football enthusiast, but who supports West Ham rather than Arsenal, said that the church was now on the move. "I have been very angry about the way in which we are constantly represented as though we were dying, as though church numbers were going down," he said. "Something very rich is happening which is not yet visible in the numbers. We are losing a lot of dead wood and I see green shoots everywhere."

He said that the church had neglected young people. "I have seen a lot of fractured children in east London and I have a great love of them, it's in my soul. But I have never been quite sure that we have used our opportunities to attract them to the church. It takes a little bit of courage and perseverance to reach them. Sometimes we don't realise how crushingly boring some church activities can be."

The bishop has been active in working with people of other faiths. In 1987 he and Rabbi Hugo Gryn were awarded the Sir Sigmund Sternberg Award for Christian-Jewish Relations.

The bishop served in the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment for his national service. In *Stepney Calling* he described how after school he lost what little faith he had but experienced a "rebirth" in a churchyard near his home in Cheltenham.

Armagh's cardinal tradition lives on

By OUR RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE Pope has named Dr Cahal Daly, the Archbishop of Armagh, as one of 22 new cardinals. The appointments, announced yesterday, are characterised by a theological conservatism and a desire to strengthen the emerging church in former Communist countries of eastern Europe.

Dr Daly will be the seventh successive Archbishop of Armagh to get the red hat and the ninth residential cardinal in Ireland.

Pope John Paul, speaking at the end of his weekly audience in St Peter's Square yesterday, announced a consistory in Rome next month at which the new cardinals will be created.

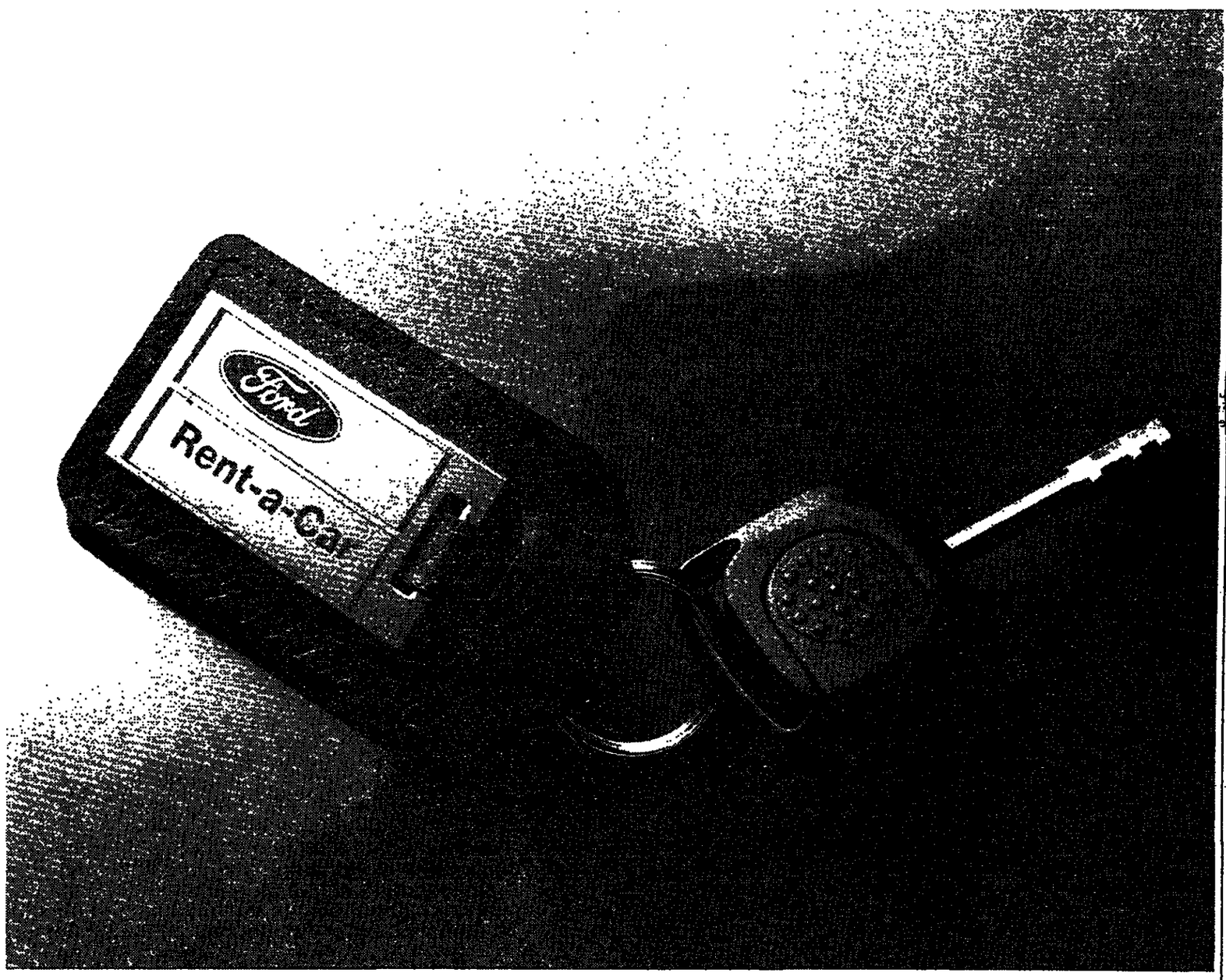
Dr Daly, aged 73, who following usual practice did not know of his elevation in advance, had a normal schedule of meetings and engagements in Armagh yesterday. He will formally join the College of Cardinals eight months after his installation as Archbishop and spiritual leader of Ireland's 3.8 million Roman Catholics.

Cardinals are created when the Pope presents to each a simple red biretta, a square cap topped by three ridges. He will do this on June 28 in the main audience hall of Vatican City. The most important collective function of cardinals is to choose a successor on the death of a Pope.

Dr Daly, a former classics master and lecturer in scholastic philosophy, is the oldest prelate to be appointed to Armagh for 170 years. He has spoken widely on the moral, social and political problems confronting Ireland on both sides of the border and has a special concern for the sick.

● The changes in Eastern Europe are reflected by the inclusion of two prelates who have suffered under anti-religious regimes: Archbishop Alexandru Todea of Romania and Archbishop Jan Korec of Czechoslovakia. Both have endured long periods of imprisonment.

The Pope also disclosed yesterday that 12 years ago he secretly named Communist China's first known cardinal, the exiled Archbishop of Shanghai, Cardinal Ignatius Gong Pinmei, who has spent 30 years in jails for refusing to renounce his allegiance to the Vatican.



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New light on crime

A police sergeant at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, has received a £4,000 Home Office grant to study the effects pink lighting can have on violent prisoners.

The research involves painting a cell white and installing pink lights. Sergeant Geoff Locke said studies in the United States had showed that pink lighting can calm people. He was selected for the research after submitting a paper on the subject to the Home Office. The results of the research will be published next year.

Family mourns

Family, friends and teachers of Rachel McLean gathered at Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancashire, yesterday for the funeral of the 19-year-old Oxford university student whose body was found at her lodgings a month ago.

Birds halt work

A nest of three oyster-catcher chicks has halted construction of a gas-fired power station at Sellafield. The parent birds are thought to have mistaken the site for a beach where they normally nest.

Signs stolen

Police were yesterday investigating the theft of £7,000 worth of road signs from a council motorway maintenance building at Broughton, South Humberside.

Material gain

Congregations have risen from 30 to 300 at St George's church, Washington, Tyne and Wear, since the the Rev Kerry Thorpe installed spotlights, comfortable chairs and pink carpets.

Fish warning

Weever fish, whose sting can hurt a child for several hours, have been found on the water's edge at resorts in Yorkshire. The coastguard said children should wear shoes on beaches.

Prison escape

Police were yesterday searching for Frederick Rogers, aged 27, a "violent" prisoner who escaped from Dartmoor on Tuesday by hiding in the back of a swill lorry.

Sewage death

A maintenance man aged 64 died yesterday when he fell into a sewage tank on an army base at Tidworth, Hampshire.

Pigs sick

Pigs were banned from the Suffolk Show which opened yesterday after an outbreak of a sickness known as Blue Ear Disease.



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Labour may change rules on rises for power chiefs

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is considering giving the official gas and electricity watchdogs the power to prevent excessive pay rises for directors being passed on to the public.

The party's energy spokesman is investigating whether a Labour government could change the regulations after the executive directors of the electricity companies received bonuses of 12.5 per cent on privatisation.

Frank Dobson, the shadow energy secretary, claimed that the directors of South Wales Electricity had also received a bonus of 8 per cent last year and a 45 per cent pay increase from April 1 this year.

In a letter to the prime minister, Mr Dobson claimed that in the run-up to privatisation the number of employees in the electricity industry earning more than £30,000 had risen by 145 per cent and the number being paid more than £40,000 increased by 259 per cent.

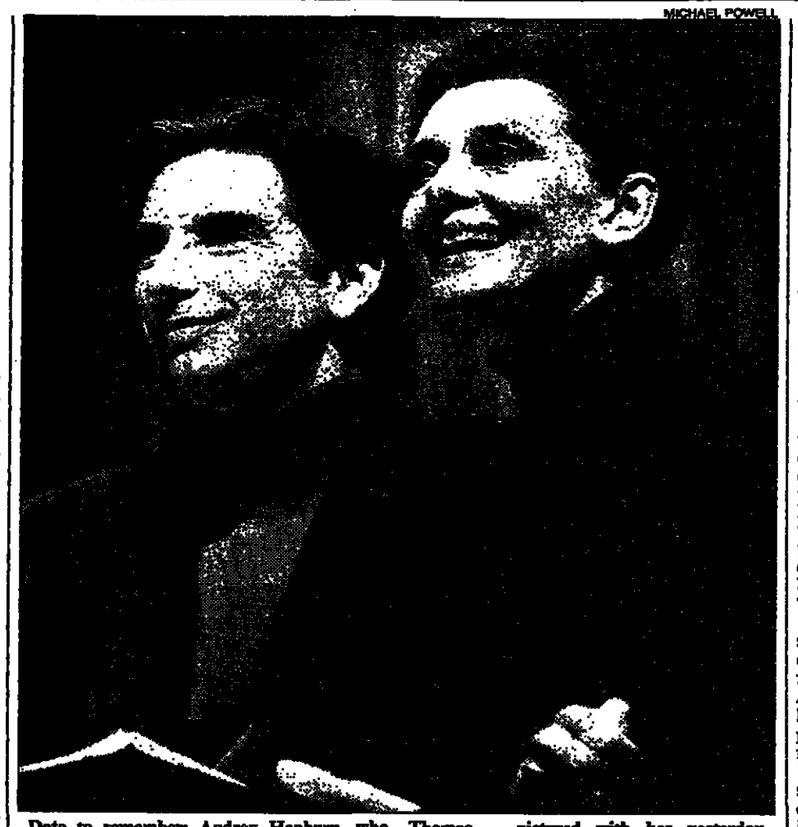
At a press conference at Westminster yesterday, Mr Dobson challenged the prime minister to condemn the salary increases which were an automatic result of privatisation. He said: "John Major cannot have it both ways. If he wants pay restraint it should apply to everybody. These pay increases have nothing to do with greater efficiency or a better deal for the customer. They are simply the government's reward to the electricity bosses for going along with privatisation."

Labour, he said, would study whether greater powers could be given to Professor Stephen Littlechild of the Office of Electricity Regulation (Offer). "The present rules limit what costs the companies can pass on to the customer and I am looking at whether they could be stopped from passing on exorbitant wage increases", Mr Dobson said.

South Wales Electricity refused to confirm or deny Mr Dobson's claim that bonuses of £8,000 or pay increases of 45 per cent had been paid to executive directors.

In a statement the company said: "The issue of directors' pay, post-privatisation, was set out clearly in the prospectus which said that following the offer for sale, executive directors' salaries would be increased in line with those in the private sector. All executive directors were entitled to a bonus as soon as the company was successfully floated on the stock market."

MICHAEL POWELL



Date to remember: Audrey Hepburn, who grew up in Nazi-occupied Europe and is now Unicef's goodwill ambassador, will perform at the Barbican in tonight's UK première of *From the Diary of Anne Frank*, a piece for orchestra and narrator by Michael Tilson Thomas — pictured with her yesterday. Proceeds from the concert, attended by the Duchess of Kent, patron of Unicef UK, and featuring the London Symphony Orchestra, go to children's funds and the LSO endowment fund. Arts, page 13; Reviews, page 18

Liberal Democrats launch green drive with TV slot

By ROBERT MORGAN, PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

A PARTY political broadcast by the Liberal Democrats tonight will be the first on British television devoted wholly to green issues.

The party, which believes that many young voters regard the environment as the most important political issue, yesterday launched a green campaign which, among other things, would mean higher petrol prices.

The *Coming clean* campaign, central to the party's election effort, highlights the dangers of pollution and proposes measures to control it. Des Wilson, campaign director, said that other parties took up pollution and dropped it according to trends but his party pursued it "because it is right".

Tonight's broadcast will show young people expressing concern about the future of the world. It shows Paddy Ashdown, the party leader, at last year's annual conference promising "never to risk the future of the planet".

A key part of the campaign strategy is a tax on energy consumption. While the intention is to make it fiscally neutral, with protection for the less well-off, Simon Hughes, the party's spokesman on the environment, admitted that petrol prices would go up, but he could not say by how much.

He said that up to £1 billion could be raised from the higher petrol tax and the extra money directed to energy-efficiency measures and better public transport. People would find it acceptable if they knew the extra money was being put to good use.

The basic proposal aims to cut consumption by making energy usage more expensive.

Mr Wilson said: "It is the first socially-desirable tax-avoidance system. You can avoid paying the full level of tax if you conserve energy."

In government, the party would phase out the vehicle excise duty, scrap tax breaks for company cars and apply more stringent limits on exhaust emissions. Councils would be able to restrict traffic during peak hours and have more traffic-free zones.

Labour policies 'will need 100 quangos'

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

LABOUR'S publicly announced plans for government would take up all the available parliamentary time for three sessions of Parliament, a minister claimed yesterday.

John Patten, minister of state at the Home Office, said that Labour's plans for what it called a "modern constitution" required the setting up of two new ministries, two new departments of state, 12 regional assemblies and a strategic body for London, eight different bodies in each region and four in each district, and well over a hundred quangos, committees, councils, inspectorates and commissions.

In a message to his constituency chairman, Mr Patten said: "Labour say they want to do all this in the name of extending rights. But the right to bureaucratise, the right to stifle initiative and the right to introduce endless constitutional legislation are the only rights that the Labour party seems interested in. It has not advanced its thinking one bit since the 1970s."

Amnesty ruled out for poll tax non-payers

By OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

AN AMNESTY for the estimated hundreds of thousands of people who have refused to pay their poll tax bills was ruled out yesterday by the government.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, warned non-payers of the charge, which is expected to last until 1993, that local councils would continue to search for them. He said: "The obligation on chargepayers to pay, and on councils to collect, did not cease at the end of the financial year. People are still liable for what they have not yet paid."

There was not and never would be any amnesty for non-payers, he said in a statement issued by the environment department. He predicted that because of this year's lower charge, local authorities should find it easier to collect the tax.

Admitting that the year 1990-1 had been difficult, Mr Portillo issued figures showing that 90 per cent of community charges and 91 per cent of business rates had been paid to local authorities in England. Only 15 of the 327 charging authorities in England collected less than 80 per cent of their charge income.

Of the areas where payment was less than 80 per cent, Labour-controlled Lambeth, southwest London, was bottom of the list with 58.1 per cent, followed by Liverpool on 66.9 per cent.

Other London boroughs with figures below 80 per cent were Ealing (79.3 per cent), Enfield (79.7 per cent), Haringey (73.2 per cent), Hounslow (77.9 per cent), Islington (79.1 per cent), and Southwark (71 per cent).

Search for chairman holds up talks

By EDWARD GORMAN
IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, spent yesterday morning in London working on a shortlist of candidates capable of acting as an ilndependent chairman in talks between political parties in Ulster and the Irish government.

The question of the chairman for "strand two" of the three-tiered Brooke process is now the main stumbling block preventing the already much-delayed devolution initiative getting off the ground.

The nationalist SDLP, while agreeing to the terms under which an independent chairman would operate, is anxious that a shortlist of candidates is agreed in principle by all the parties before inter-party talks begin, to avoid giving Unionists another opportunity to hold up the process later on.

Unionists, however, have made clear their frustration that the initiative has been delayed by a problem which, in their view, should have been foreseen and solved by Mr Brooke weeks ago.

It was not clear whether Mr Brooke had directly approached possible candidates — though there were reports he may have met one individual — or whether he was in a position to discuss names with Alliance and Unionist party leaders when he returned to Belfast in the afternoon.

Mr Brooke has said he is looking for someone broadly acceptable to all participants. Speculation has centred on Rosalie Abella, a 45-year-old Canadian lawyer and former judge based in Toronto, who has expressed a willingness to take up the post.

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Nesting gulls threatened by oil slicks

By KERRY GILL

TWO oil slicks, one more than two miles long and the other about one-and-a-half miles long, were drifting off the west coast of Shetland yesterday as transport department officials tried to discover their source.

The slicks, first spotted by the Sea Explorer drilling rig on Tuesday, were moving at about 4mph some 30 miles west of Esha Ness on the Shetland mainland before a north-easterly wind. The authorities were hoping they would break up or continue to drift away from Shetland.

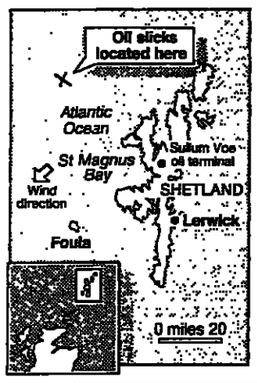
Last night, however, there were fears that the slicks would drift on to the island of Foula, 12 miles west of Shetland. If the slicks contaminated the Foula shoreline big colonies of puffins, skuas, kittiwakes and gannets could be affected at nesting time.

Efforts by the transport department's marine pollution control unit to identify the slicks were hampered by thick fog. Sea-level visibility was about 50ft earlier yesterday. By midday the unit managed to get an aircraft over the scene after a break in the fog.

Samples will have to be taken from the slicks before their origin can be identified. One theory was that the oil may have come from an exploratory well in the Clair field off Shetland. Captain Keith Radley, of the islands' council's ports and harbours department, said its own helicopter, which monitors the sea around the Sullom Voe oil terminal, would also make a further inspection.

Two drilling rigs, operated by BP and Elf, have recently begun working in the area. BP denied any responsibility and an Elf spokeswoman said that no one appeared to be aware of the slicks.

Port staff said that it was unlikely that the spillage had come from a tanker. Two tankers were berthed at Sullom Voe yesterday and one left on Tuesday. The two at Sullom Voe came directly from ports on the east coast of Britain and the third left the terminal after the slicks were first spotted.



Heathrow mounts a goose offensive

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIALS at Heathrow airport are experimenting with new techniques to keep flocks of Canada geese away from nearby fields, lakes and reservoirs.

The birds, which are rapidly increasing in number around London, are particularly troublesome in July and August, soon after the young take to the air, and present a constant threat to aircraft as they take off and land.

For more than 18 years Heathrow airport has mounted a 24-hour bird scaring patrol to frighten away flocks of birds, including starlings, pigeons, gulls and lapwing. The Canada geese, however, have defied all attempts to oust them.

Last year a South African Airways jumbo jet was damaged by a flock of the geese and on several occasions the Heathrow "seagull unit" had to ask the control tower to stop all flights until a flock had passed.

Tony Sayers, head of the unit, is determined to find a way of beating them this year. He has already persuaded authorities to grow the grass around the airport exactly 9in high, having proved that if it is any shorter the birds will use it as a landing strip of their own, and if it is any higher they will hide in it. Local farmers have also agreed to plough in their stubble as soon as possible to cut off the birds' food supply.

Thousands of the geese are expected in the next month to six weeks. The seagull unit is pinning its main hope on the geese settling somewhere else.

But, just in case, Mr Sayers is loading every possible variation of star shell into his gun in the hope that a particular combination can be found which will frighten away the persistent flocks and keep the runways clear.

CHRIS HARRIS



Tony Sayers, chief bird scarer, firing shells to keep starlings off Heathrow's runways

Head teachers' conference

Schools 'must manipulate new curriculum'

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

HEAD teachers must unofficially adapt the national curriculum so that it no longer threatened schools and disrupted children's education, the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers was told yesterday.

Bob Fisk, the association's new president, said: "The time has come when schools will need to look very carefully at the requirements which are being imposed upon them and decide whether they are in the best interests of children.

"If they are not then it will be necessary to adapt, to adjust and to manipulate in order to ensure that we do not jettison those fundamental values which enrich the quality of life and without which education is impoverished."

Mr Fisk, head of Coquet high school, Morpeth, Northumberland, said that he was not calling for industrial action or boycotts, but wanted "a realistic appraisal of what is possible and desirable ... if this means less emphasis on certain aspects of the national curriculum, then so be it".

He told a press conference later that heads and governors would have to decide how much time is given to each national curriculum subject. "Heads cannot ignore the regulations but they can place the emphasis where they wish.

"It would be foolish for heads to do it independently but they could do it with the agreement of their governors, perhaps even their local authorities. It would be foolish to throw out other activities such as music performances or sports simply in order to meet the letter of the national curriculum."

Having taken these decisions, Mr Fisk said, it might not be possible to meet all the required attainment targets in every subject and their accompanying assessment tasks. Infant teachers, for example, would almost certainly have to reduce the time given to history and geography in order to concentrate on basic subjects such as reading.

He told the Scarborough conference that the Education Reform Act had proved too rigid and threatening because of attempts to apply control through competition, trying to enforce cost-effectiveness through under-funded budgets, the excesses of national curriculum assessment and the publication of school test results.

Mr Fisk said that schools had to prove they were effective but added: "Let us not go down the false trail of believing that a school's effectiveness can be judged by the glossiness of its brochure, the aggressiveness of its commercial advertising or the size of its covenanted income."

No further national curriculum subjects should be introduced until it became clear how they would fit together, tests for seven-year-olds should be restricted and a detailed study made of proposed testing of children at 11 and 14.

"I do not reject the notion that there should be a common entitlement to a range of educational experiences but these must be within a flexible framework which takes account of the individual needs of pupils", he said.

● The conference rejected a call for a four-term year after hearing that heads and staff needed the long summer break to recover from the strains of the classroom.

Brian Samuels, of Padstow school, Nottingham, said: "There is so much change in education at the moment that another could be the last straw. We need a period of calm rather than self-inflicted pain. A four-week term would be retrograde, divisive and unnecessary."

Jean Byers, of the association's national council, had argued that truancy, accidents and stress accompanied the long autumn term and that juvenile delinquency increased after a long term and a long break.

She said that the four-term year would improve the consistency of teaching and learning and remove the dead period which followed the summer examinations.

Bowing out from a changing world

Far too many reports to write and read; too much curriculum-based work. David Tytler studies a day in a typical headmaster's life

DONALD Blenkinsopp spoke for many heads when he said: "I do see myself as a manager, but I don't see myself as a salesman or an accountant. I was not appointed as either – and I certainly do not see myself as a money raiser."

Mr Blenkinsopp, like many of his colleagues, is retiring early, in his case because his school is being amalgamated with an infants' school. "I would have stayed," he said, "had it not been for all the mismanaged changes education is facing, and the fact that I spend three quarters of my time on administration which cannot be even loosely described as education."

The 1988 Education Reform Act has fundamentally changed the role of all state school heads. They are now responsible for running their school budget, introducing the national curriculum at breakneck speed, with changes being announced by the government on a weekly basis, and have the responsibility for the in-service training of staff. The modern head is constantly writing reports for governors and local authorities, and news letters for parents.

"We have always been social workers, but now are doing even more," Mr Blenkinsopp said. "At one time parents could have gone to the family doctor, the local bobby, or the village vicar, but they do not exist any more so they turn to the head."

Mr Blenkinsopp, head of Coundon county junior mixed school, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, said that the job he was leaving bore no resemblance to the one he started. "The excitement has gone. I now spend much of my time writing school policy documents, termly governors' reports, management development plans, and soon there will be teacher appraisal as well. We are forgetting the child.

"I love poetry, but now there is no time to teach it. When I began teaching 38 years ago, all my class could recite poetry. But they could not do that nowadays."

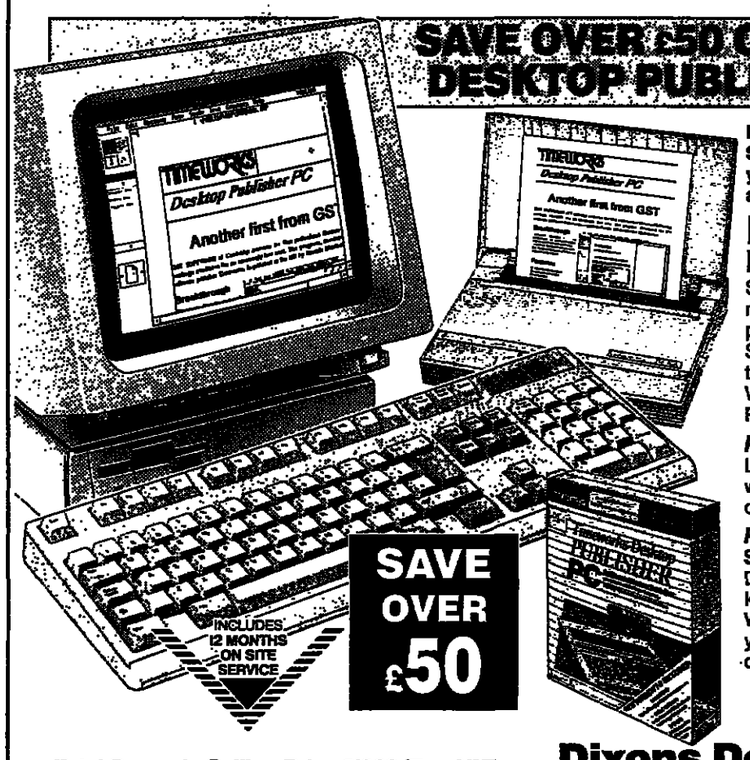
The government insists that there is no widespread problem of teacher recruitment, but Mr Blenkinsopp echoed the view of many heads when he said that he often had to rely on old colleagues to fill in for staff away on national curriculum training.

"There are more reports, circulars and glossy brochures coming from the government than ever before," Mr Blenkinsopp said. "The modern head is expected to be a wealth of all knowledge, but he can be a master of none."

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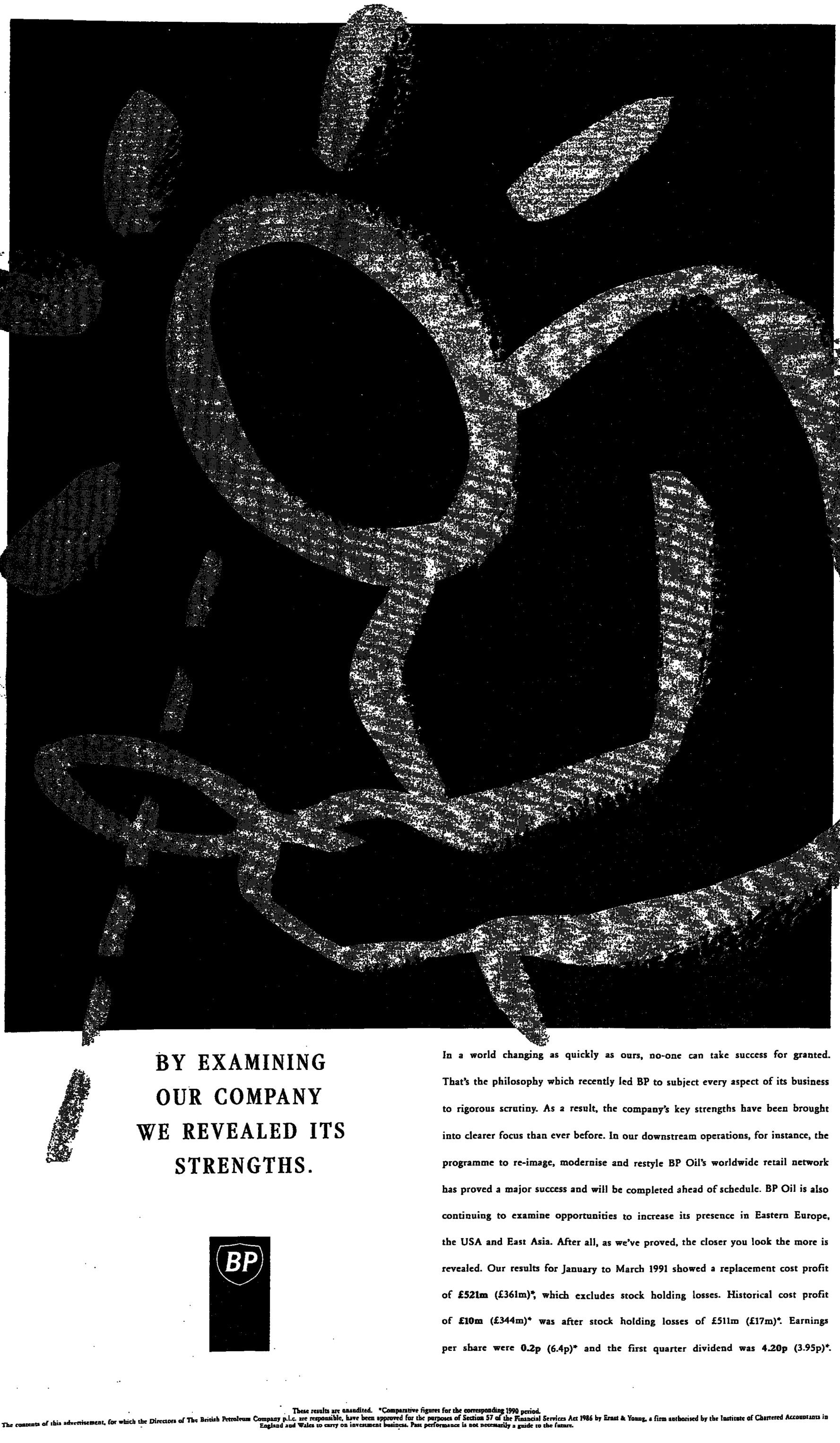


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Congress picks Rao as provisional president

FROM BILL TARRANT IN DELHI

INDIA'S Congress (I) party, robbed of a nationally known figurehead by the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi, yesterday named the veteran loyalist P.V. Narasimha Rao as leader to see it through a crucial second round of national polls.

But the Congress spokesman, Pranab Mukherjee, said Mr Rao would not be projected as the party's prime ministerial candidate during the campaign, which resumed yesterday after a week of mourning for Gandhi, killed by a woman suicide bomber on May 21.

Gandhi's death "has thrown India and India's democracy into a profound crisis", Mr Rao said in a statement after his election as provisional president of the party which has ruled India for all but three of the 44 years since independence. "What India needs above all is a strong and stable government that can protect the unity of the present and nourish the vision of the future," he said.

Mr Rao, aged 69, appears to be out of the running for prime minister or even permanent party president because of ill health and a weak political base in his home state, Andhra Pradesh. He was elected unanimously by the party's highest body, the Congress working committee, but a broader grouping of leaders will have to ratify the decision within six months, Mr Mukherjee told a news conference at Congress headquarters.

Congress would decide after the June 12 and 15 polls on its candidate for prime minister, Mr Mukherjee added. Contenders for party leadership include Sharad Pawar, chief minister of the economically powerful state of Maharashtra, and Narain Dutt Tiwari, former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, which has provided all but one of India's prime ministers. Mr Pawar declined to comment about Mr Rao's election.

Polling started the day before Gandhi's killing. The remaining two days of voting cover 60 per cent of constituencies. Mr Rao was chosen after Gandhi's Italian-born widow, Sonia, aged 44, turned down pleas from the Congress leadership to become party figurehead to maximise a sympathy vote in the polls.

He served as foreign minister under Indira Gandhi, the prime minister who was also assassinated in 1984. He was home minister and defence minister under her son, who was defeated in 1989 polls. Now he must hold the party together against an election challenge from the Hindu Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Congress needs sympathy votes to counter the BJP, which has already stolen Gandhi's campaign pledge: stability. The slogan has much appeal in a country where three separatist insurgencies are raging and which is at risk for the first time of defaulting on its foreign debt, now $70 billion (£41 billion).

The caretaker prime minister, Chandra Shekhar, on Tuesday had to issue a statement denying the government was considering imposing a state of emergency.

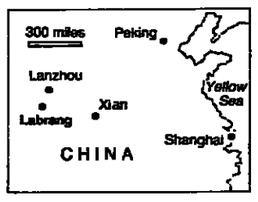
● **COLOMBO:** Vijita Rohana, a Sri Lankan sailor who attacked Gandhi with his rifle four years ago during a formal inspection, said he sent a message of condolence to Gandhi's widow after his assassination, the local *Divaina* newspaper reported. Rohana, a member of a naval honour guard, hit Gandhi with his rifle during a visit to the island on July 30, 1987. *(Reuter)*



Safety first: P. V. Narasimha Rao being protected by a bodyguard as he enters the Congress (I) offices in Delhi yesterday to be unanimously elected provisional party president following Rajiv Gandhi's assassination

Time-warp homage to Dalai Lama

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON
IN LABRANG
GANSU PROVINCE, CHINA



AMONG the precious treasures of this remote Lamaist monastery set high on the very edge of the Tibetan plateau there hangs one particularly pungent object which is a symbol of conflicting loyalties.

It is a traditional Tibetan yak-butter carving of a far from traditional subject: Communist party leaders standing atop the Tiananmen Square rostrum in Peking. But in the monastery courtyard, young monks beg for pictures not of the Peking hierarchy, but of the Dalai Lama.

For the more affluent faithful, pictures of the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader and constant campaigner for the country's rights, are sold for about 25p each on two stalls in the main street. They sell well, according to one stallholder who stocks up from Indian pilgrims passing through.

But Labrang is not a hotbed of political activism, and people are cautious about expressing opinions on the 40 years of Chinese rule. Central Tibet, now the "autonomous region", is closed to Peking-based foreign journalists. Labrang is accessible because, although it was once part of Greater Tibet, it came under Chinese rule early this century. For the foreigner it is a rare window into Tibetan culture and its fate under the Communists. With its hundreds of ragged pilgrims dressed in leopard skins, daggers at their waists, its prayer wheels and its chanting monks, Labrang appears frozen in a time warp, a remnant of the Middle Ages.

An old woman with matted hair and tattered sheepskin robe claps her hands above her head and prostrates herself. She wears wooden gloves over the palms of her hands and a thick apron over her knees to protect them as she lowers herself to the ground repeatedly. Her forehead is white with the dust of the ground. She kisses the base of a mud wall which encircles the ruins of the monastery. Only about a third of the buildings remain standing.

Labrang is one of six important Tibetan Buddhist monasteries. It fell easily to Communist rule, in 1949 becoming a centre for the translation of Communist propaganda into Tibetan. Living Buddha Gampyang Zherpa, believed to be the sixth incarnation of the monastery's spiritual leader, was only three years old, but the Communists staged an elaborate ceremony to enthrone him, declaring that this was proof of the policy of freedom of religion. Later, he would be imprisoned in the Cultural Revolution and forced to marry despite his vows of celibacy.

In the late 1950s, when the central government sent armies into Amdo, many Tibetans fled from Labrang to India. The Communists plundered the monastery, shipping its riches to Peking, and sending Tibetan scholars to prison camps. A decade later, Labrang was closed down, and only partially reopened for an official delegation of exiled Tibetans sent by the Dalai Lama in 1979. But where there were 3,000 monks, there are now only 1,200.

Peking raid on sleeping students

By CATHERINE SAMPSON

STUDENTS were hauled from their beds when security officers raided their dormitory at Peking university early yesterday after a protest to commemorate the 1989 mass killings in Tiananmen Square.

On Tuesday, a banner was hung from a dormitory window reading "Don't forget June 4", and pamphlets were distributed urging students to become politically active. Students said leaflets thrown from windows called on them to wear white on June 3 as a symbol of mourning for those who died when the army opened fire on unarmed demonstrators. Other leaflets were left in the canteen.

Student sources said yesterday that posters had appeared at three other Peking educational institutions over the past 24 hours — the universities of politics and law, science and engineering, and at the Central Institute of Arts and Crafts — carrying slogans denouncing the government and in memory of those who died in the mass killings.

About a dozen university security officers, mostly in plain clothes, entered a dormitory for postgraduates at 2am yesterday. They searched for leaflets and checked identification for two hours. Students said that there were no arrests initially. University authorities have threatened that any student who is present at a protest, even if claiming to be a bystander, will be punished for taking part.

● **Wife's accusation:** The wife of a man jailed as a ringleader of the Tiananmen Square protests has accused Peking of cruel and inhumane treatment of political prisoners. China is paying only lip service to improving its human rights record, said Hou Xiaotian, aged 28, the wife of Wang Juntao, a dissident who was jailed for 13 years this year, in an open letter addressed to Amnesty International and the United Nations Human Rights Commission. *(Reuter)*

Rumour of jobs spurs boat people

Hanoi — Rumours of generous job contracts outside Vietnamese waters and worsening economic conditions have fuelled the exodus of more than 4,000 boat people in May, bringing the total in Hong Kong camps to more than 50,000 (James Pringle writes). The number heading for the colony is now more than four times the figure for the same period last year, and Hong Kong is braced for a bigger influx next month.

A Vietnamese campaign to stem the flow paints a dismal picture of life in the camps and underlines that most immigrants will not be resettled in third countries. Western and Vietnamese officials are blaming the latest wave on a suggestion by Robert Dornan, an American congressman, that displaced Vietnamese be used to rebuild Kuwait.

Heading home

Dhaka — The US naval task force which led a cyclone relief operation in Bangladesh left for home. Major-General Henry Stackpole, commander of the force, said about 400 marines and engineers would stay until June 15.

Volcano alert

Tokyo — More than 3,000 residents of Shimabara in southern Japan spent their third day in emergency shelters as the nearby Mount Unzen continued to send a stream of lava down the mountainside. *(Reuter)*

Marcos money

Manila — Two bank accounts of the late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos have been discovered in Zurich and may contain more than £230 million, a Philippine official said. *(AFP)*

Carrying the can

Perth — Swan, the Australian brewers, said its products would carry a warning against alcohol abuse on all cans, labels, cartons and advertising, advising no more than two drinks a day for women and four for men. *(AFP)*



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Warning to West on Gorbachev's 'repression'

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE West's policy of banking on President Gorbachev to help establish a new world order may no longer be politically sustainable as Moscow shows trends towards repression and military confrontation, according to a report by the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"The interest that can be derived from the balance of his account is dwindling steadily," the institute said yesterday in its annual global review of security-related events. The hopes that had developed of a new, freer, more liberal Soviet Union had been dampened. Mr Gorbachev, champion of perestroika and glasnost, "is not now, and probably never was, prepared to see his country move all the way to liberal market economies or to true democracy".

President Gorbachev's "belated awakening to what he has wrought has turned him in the direction of repression". Soviet support for the aims of the coalition that President Bush formed against Iraq's aggression in Kuwait had been essential to the political success of the alliance. But if the Kremlin fell once again under the sway of those who all along felt that such co-operation was an avoidable error, the effort to create a new world order would be stillborn.

The report said that Moscow could exercise its right to veto any hope of continued consensus-building in the United Nations Security Council, "a key tool for the Bush vision", and added: "Conservative, conspiracy-minded leaders in the Kremlin might once again believe that support of anti-Western groups in selected areas of confrontation would serve Soviet purposes." That would be particularly dangerous in the Middle East.

There could not be a stable new world order without a predictable Soviet Union "pursuing a policy of co-operation, not confrontation, with its neighbours". A conservative leadership, suppressing reform by force, could not create a secure system or produce a country with a future. The report said: "It would be a country more closely resembling a fortress stacked with dynamite, with rooms full of wilful children playing with matches."

Whether the "still-fragile young democracies" in Central Europe could thrive in an atmosphere that would be created by a revanchist Soviet Union remained an open question. Europe could face a new dividing line across the continent. Driven by fear that even such a remote possibility was developing, "some Central European countries would scramble to achieve quicker economic and military integration with the West". That in turn would feed the fears of the Soviet armed forces and conservatives.

The report gave a warning, however, that it would be unwise for the West to isolate the Soviet Union and cut it off from the attempt to build a new European and world order. Dependence on specific relationships was always a dangerous way to manage international affairs, however. In the long run, it was incompatible with the broad foreign policy goals that America, in particular, would wish to pursue.

The institute's French director, François Heisbourg, added at a news conference at its headquarters in London yesterday that he saw only faint signs of encouragement since the survey went to press in March.

Strategic Survey 1990-1, published by Brassey's at £24.95.



Gorbachev: unwilling to move to true democracy



Tirana battle line: young demonstrators hurling stones at riot police in the centre of the Albanian capital yesterday after officers fired shots in the air and used water cannon to disperse a peaceful mass rally in support of a 15-day-old general strike. Several people were injured (Reuter reports). The meeting, attended by more than 10,000 people, was called by the independent trade union federation to draw attention to the plight of 100 miners who have been on a hunger strike for five days 400ft underground in the Valias mine to lend support to the general strike. After police moved in, the demonstrators retaliated by setting fire to three police lorries and a fire engine. A thick pall of smoke lay over Skanderbeg Square. A doctor in a Tirana hospital confirmed that some people had been injured.

● LONDON: Britain and Albania re-established full diplomatic relations yesterday after a break of 45 years.

Engholm elected as SPD leader

Bremen — Germany's opposition Social Democrats (SPD) yesterday elected Björn Engholm, prime minister of Schleswig-Holstein, as their new chairman, charged with winning back power after three consecutive defeats by the Christian Democrats (CDU) of Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, and the centre right.

Herr Engholm was elected with 458 out of the 470 votes cast at the party conference here. At 51, he is the oldest of a new SPD leadership, which is setting out to moderate and modernise the party, and widen its appeal across the country.

Crash riddle

Vienna — The Austrian airliner that exploded over Thailand on Sunday may have to be pieced back together from thousands of scattered fragments to establish the cause of the disaster if the flight recorders fail to show what happened, the airline's founder, Niki Lauda, said on his return from Bangkok. *(Reuter)*

Ordered out

Athens — Greek anti-terrorist officers left for America to carry out the extradition order on George Koskotas, the banker who fled after being found to be a key witness in the $200 million (£115 million) Bank of Crete case that helped to topple the government of Andreas Papandreou.

Strikes threat

Madrid — Trade union leaders threatened widespread industrial action to pressure the government into lifting wage ceilings for state-owned companies. Lorry drivers have threatened to strike in June and Iberia airline ground crews have planned weekend stoppages and a four-day walkout at the end June.

Peter panned

Moscow — Boris Gidaspov, the head of the Communist party in Leningrad, dismissed attempts to return the city's name to St Petersburg, saying the June 12 referendum on the issue was only an opinion poll and "doomed to fail". He said the campaign dishonoured the defenders of Leningrad during the second world war. *(AP)*

Press gets order of the boot in favour of Cossacks

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AT MIDDAY yesterday, the spartan hall of a Moscow art centre was only a quarter full, and half those present were reporters. The others were a picturesque assortment of Cossack leaders with swords hanging from their belts.

The star attraction was Vadim Bakatin, aged 46, the smooth-talking contender for the Russian presidency, former engineer, party boss, interior minister, and now the "Gorbachev" candidate to compete with Boris Yeltsin. After Mr Bakatin had patiently answered questions under the glare of television lights, the chairman opened the meeting and the presidential hopeful made the first big mistake of his campaign.

"Who invited the press?" he shouted. "We just came," said a timid Soviet reporter near the front. "Well, I want them to leave. This was meant to be a private meeting with the Cossack atamans. Get them out," he said.

That the press "just came" and that Mr Bakatin, the most accomplished candidate of all, tried to have them ejected is part and parcel of Russia's first Western-style election campaign. Whoever heard of a private election meeting and how could members of the press have "just come"?

The first question must be answered by Mr Bakatin. The answer to the second is: with very great difficulty and after much detective work. The aspiring election reporter needs not only a telephone, a diary and a good map of the Russian Federation, but dogged persistence, an eye for the unusual, and the ability to squeeze through closed doors.

For the travel and campaign plans of the three main candidates, Mr Yeltsin, Mr Bakatin and Nikolai Ryzhkov, the former prime minister, defy prediction. All prefer closed to open spaces, and all have indulged in some more or less gentle disinformation, whether by accident or design. This has left most of the Moscow press corps scattered across the federation waiting for something to happen.

By comparison with the other candidates, Mr Bakatin is running a super-professional campaign. Its one outstanding defect is its well-publicised information service. The telephones go mostly unanswered. It is difficult to knock Mr Bakatin, however, when his rivals — in organisational terms — are so much worse. Mr Yeltsin's team, who are equally inaccessible, tried to insist that his eight-day, eight-city tour of the far north and Urals regions was "purely business". Mr Ryzhkov, looking already a little tired after cramming in three or four venues a day, has been no more visible to the voter in the street.

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Le Pen exploits rising tensions

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

AS LEADERS of immigrant communities in France issue warnings that rioting could explode at any time in urban ghettos, the extreme-right National Front, led by Jean-Marie Le Pen, is readily exploiting the growing tension.

The tone of the party's racist campaign has become even harsher recently, reflecting the apparent belief of M Le Pen that the latest outbreaks of trouble in several areas where immigrants are concentrated will deepen the divisions within French society and enhance his appeal to the electorate.

The increasing regularity of clashes between crowds of young people of mostly North African origin and the police in suburban high-rise estates is causing growing concern to Edith Cresson, the new prime minister. This week, she began the struggle to get a controversial bill on the financing of ghetto reforms through a largely hostile parliament in which the Socialists lack a working majority.

As if to underline the volatility of the situation, on Tuesday Mme Cresson visited the grieving family of Aissa Ihich, aged 18, who died in police custody after being detained during last weekend's disturbances at Le Val Fourre, west of Paris. For M Le Pen, the trouble at this high-rise estate provides an opportunity to cash in on discontent among those he calls the "true French": shopkeepers, small business owners, manual workers and pensioners.

Nato must spend to save, says Cheney

By MICHAEL EVANS

NATO countries, looking for a peace dividend, will have to spend a great deal of money over the next few years to pay for the reorganisation of alliance forces in Germany, Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, said yesterday.

Speaking after a two-day Nato defence ministers' meeting which agreed radical changes to alliance armies in Germany, Mr Cheney said: "We have to spend money up front to make savings in the long term." With all members trying to reduce their defence budgets, the cost of converting national armies into mobile multinational units could be high in the short term.

Mr Cheney's warning was taken up in the communiqué issued by the ministers attending Nato's defence planning committee. The change in force structures would have financial consequences. Defence spending in real terms "should not be expected to reduce substantially in the near term".

Manfred Woerner, the Nato secretary-general, said that modernising equipment for the newly organised forces would be expensive. The ministers agreed that more effective use of defence expenditures and an equitable sharing of the common defence burden remained key objectives. It is not clear yet how Britain's contribution of two divisions to a Nato rapid reaction corps will affect spending.

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Delors fires salvo to save unity ideal

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

A CLASH over allegations that the hallowed ideals of European union are being betrayed has erupted between Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, and other European leaders.

The immediate target of M Delors' wrath is the government of Luxembourg, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Community just as its 12 governments are struggling to agree on a new treaty covering monetary and political integration. M Delors accuses Luxembourg of drafting a treaty that sells out the ideal of "European union".

The disagreement will surface when the Community's foreign ministers meet in Dresden this weekend. M Delors has written a letter of complaint to Jacques Poos, the meeting's chairman, saying that the proposed new design for the EC of the future threatens to "shatter the existing model which until now has proved its dynamism and efficiency". Luxembourg rejects the criticism.

Bulgaria prepares to press Kremlin for extradition of Markov suspect

By TIM JUDAH

BULGARIA is ready to seek the extradition from the Soviet Union of its former head of foreign intelligence, allegedly involved in the London murder of Georgi Markov, a dissident journalist. Valeri Parvanov, an official of the Military Prosecutor's Office in Sofia, said yesterday of the apparent flight to Moscow of General Vladimir Todorov: "I was told by Todorov's wife that he is undergoing treatment in the Soviet Union for heart problems and diabetes."

The former spy chief had been forgiven for leaving Bulgaria, but "we will have to ask for the extradition of Todorov if no documents are presented about his hospital treatment and if there is any problem about his returning to Bulgaria". General Todorov is one of three generals undergoing investigation for allegedly destroying files relating to the "poison umbrella" murder of Markov in London in 1978.

According to BTA, the Bulgarian news agency, General Stoyan Savov, another of the three, has also left for the Soviet Union. Markov, a distinguished writer, was once a privileged member of his country's elite before disillusionment set in and he defected to Britain. It was apparently one of his many radio broadcasts on Bulgaria that irritated the country's leadership. He was killed in a London street with a poisoned pellet.

General Todorov's departure came as Dimitar Ludzhev, the deputy prime minister and co-chairman of a commission reviewing the former communist secret services, said that he was sure of their involvement in the murder and that "political people will probably be identified".

Last month, Bulgarian television screened an interview with General Oleg Kalugin, the KGB's former counter-intelligence chief, who is now an MP. He said that he had been present at a meeting with Yuri Andropov, then head of the KGB, in Moscow, when an appeal for assistance in killing Markov came from Bulgaria. "I do not like assassinations," Andropov allegedly said.

However, he changed his mind when an aide said: "This is Comrade Zhivkov's [the Bulgarian communist leader] request and his interior minister conveys it as a request of the president and general secretary of the Bulgarian Communist party."

Andropov then said that there should be no involvement by Soviet personnel. "Send them experts, send the appropriate equipment and special devices, show the Bulgarians how to do everything and that is it."

Todor Zhivkov, the national leader for 35 years, is standing trial on corruption charges. He has consistently denied that Bulgaria had any involvement in the Markov killing and has said that General Kalugin "should be put in an asylum".

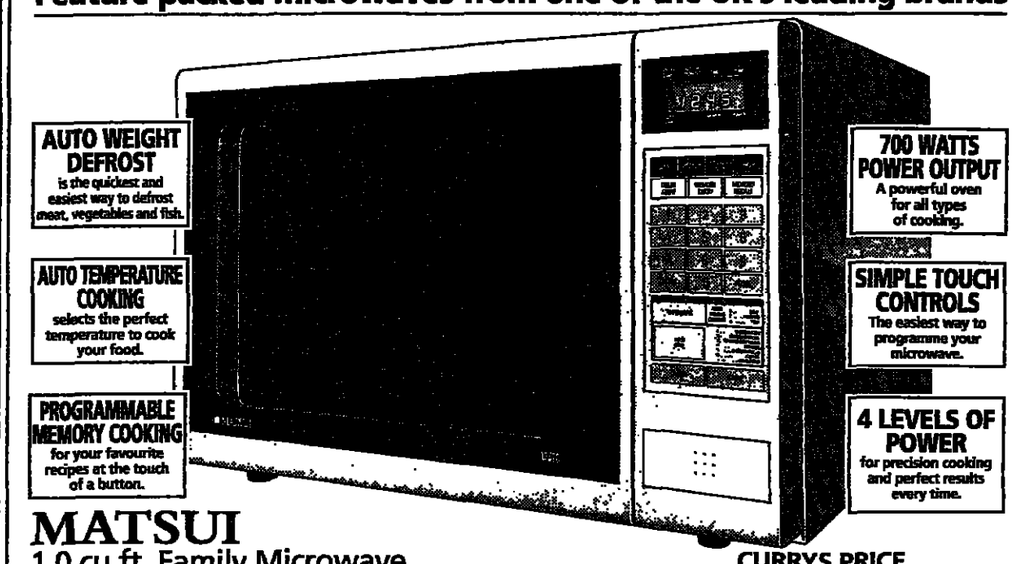
A KGB statement published in *Pravda* condemned the Kalugin interview as "lies and outright fabrication". In an interview last November, Mr Zhivkov said: "I have never signed a political death warrant. Can you imagine me going to Brezhnev and asking him to do this? .. These are imaginary things, just like all the stories about the Pope."

But Bulgaria is now opening files that may shed light on the alleged but never proven "Bulgarian connection" in the 1981 attempt on the life of the Pope.

Christo Danov, the interior minister, said that he did not personally believe in the Bulgarian connection, but if one were found it would be the responsibility of "a government and a system that we reject and are trying to dismantle".

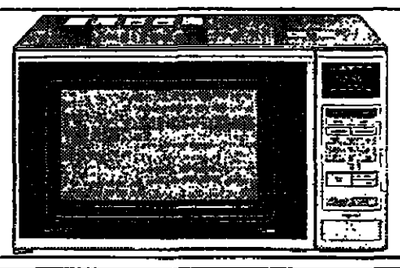
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Ethiopian victors assume reins of power in face of tribal rivalries

Eritrean guerrillas to set up government

By GREGORY KRONSTEN

THE Eritrean People's Liberation Front will form a provisional government in Eritrea to administer the territory until a United Nations supervised referendum on its future can be held, Issaias Afwerki, the front's secretary general, said in London yesterday. The referendum will offer Eritreans the option of independence or rule from Addis Ababa.

The front, which has fought for Eritrean independence for 30 years, will however cooperate with the provisional government to be formed in Addis Ababa by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, Mr Afwerki said. The Eritreans are also willing to participate in a conference scheduled for July on Ethiopia's future. The front will not join the government in the capital officially because it has no mandate to act beyond Eritrean borders.

Mr Afwerki is adamant that the Ethiopian front recognises the right of the Eritrean people to self-determination and will act in good faith. The organisations were allies in the war against President Mengistu, exiled in Zimbabwe last week, and it is thought unlikely the Ethiopian front will launch an offensive against its erstwhile allies.

But the provisional government in Addis Ababa will need guarantees of access to the Red Sea. The Ethiopian coastline falls entirely within Eritrea. All imports by sea, including food aid, arrive at the ports of Assab and Massawa.

In the period up to the proposed referendum, Mr Afwerki considers that the legal status of Eritrea, once an Italian colony, is in a void, being neither independent nor forming part of Ethiopia. The United States government, while delighted at the departure of President Mengistu, would prefer Ethiopia to remain one nation. But this position may not remain fixed. An independent Kurdistan, for instance, would upset one or other of the great powers: a homeland for the Eritreans or the Issaqs in northern Somalia presumably would not.

There are no precedents in Eritrea to point to the outcome of a referendum which the Eritrean front is quietly confident it would win.

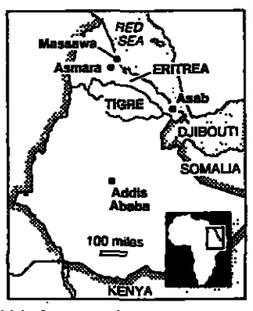
The form of government and the economic system in an independent Eritrea are far from clear. A vote for independence would be followed by democratic elections, according to the front.

The large Eritrean population abroad, many of them highly educated professional people based in the Gulf, would provide development funds. Oil companies show interest in offshore exploration and an Eritrean government could perhaps offer ship repair facilities and even a naval base to interested parties. With an estimated population of four million, the new state would need a close degree of economic co-operation with Ethiopia.

● HARARE: Western and African diplomats are becoming increasingly curious about the role of President Mugabe of Zimbabwe in the flight from Ethiopia last week of President Mengistu (Jan Raath writes).

Government sources said yesterday that Mr Mugabe had summoned a meeting of senior cabinet ministers on May 14, a full week before the dictator's resignation was announced, and told them that Lieutenant-Colonel Mengistu had requested sanctuary and it would be granted.

Gregory Kronsten is Africa editor of the Economist Intelligence Unit.



US denies backing rebels

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

A US State Department official insisted yesterday that thousands of anti-American demonstrators in the Ethiopian capital were largely supporters of the fallen government and denied that Washington was backing the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF). Tens of thousands of people in Addis Ababa protested against establishing an interim government by the group following US-brokered peace talks in London earlier this week.

The official said the Ethiopian front was not setting up an interim government but "administering an area under its control". The United States supported the takeover of Addis Ababa by the rebels on the ground that they were the group most likely to maintain order after the departure last week of President Mengistu.

The State Department said the decision by political groups to hold a conference before July 1 to form an interim government reflected "a commitment to a democratic process". Washington has said that humanitarian aid will continue only if Ethiopia moves toward greater democracy and improved human rights.



First generation: a Falasha girl looking at her mother while they wait patiently at a Jerusalem hotel, where they are being temporarily housed, to have their photographs taken for identity cards. The issue of the cards mark the first step in the Falashas' absorption into Israeli society

Breakaway province will test interim leader's skill

Meles Zenawi must adapt his talents as a rebel leader to running a government, **Nicholas Watt** writes

ONE of the first tasks Meles Zenawi, leader of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF), will have to face once he has returned to Ethiopia to form an interim government is to establish his political control throughout the country.

His political base is in the marginal and backward northern province of Tigré, which has a population of just three million out of a country of 52 million. Mr Meles has started to expand his support, most notably by bringing in the Oromo People's Democratic Organisation. However, he has treated them as satellites, rather than as true allies.

One of the most difficult tasks facing him is the independence-minded province of Eritrea. The main Eritrean rebel group, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), yesterday announced that it was forming a provisional government in the province. If Eritrea were to leave Ethiopia it would leave the country without a coast and a vital link with the outside world. As much as two-thirds of its trade passes through the Eritrean port of Assab.

Mr Meles maintains good relations with the Eritrean front and has said that he would recognise Eritrean independence if a referendum voted in favour of secession. But Christopher Clapham, professor of politics and international relations at Lancaster university, who has just returned from Ethiopia, said yesterday that if Mr Meles let Eritrea go he would lose the support of many Ethiopians who have a "burning commitment to the territorial integrity of one of the oldest countries in Africa".

Professor Clapham believes Mr Meles must try and reach a deal with the Eritrean front, if only to keep Eritrea as a loose part of Ethiopia. The Eritreans depend on Ethiopia for raw materials.

Mr Meles also has to win the confidence of the Ethiopian bureaucracy, which was disillusioned with the military dictatorship of the former President Mengistu. Mr Meles has indicated that he will maintain the existing system. His troops, moreover, are highly disciplined and after the harshness of the Mengistu regime Ethiopians are keen for peace.

Mr Meles, aged 37, has come a long way from being the Marxist student activist of the 1970s to the leader of a rebel organisation which has won the support of the United States. He is sensitive to charges that he is a stalinist and he reacted angrily at a press conference in London this week when pressed about his admiration for Albania and his sympathy for Marxist policies. But Professor Clapham questions how far Mr Meles had abandoned his Marxist past.

Meles Zenawi is a *nom de guerre* which he took from an ordinary soldier who was killed during the armed struggle. Mr Meles's real name is Legesse Zenawi. He comes from a middle class family and was educated at the General Wingate School, the best secondary school in Addis Ababa before the 1974 coup, which was run along British lines.

After school Mr Meles started to study medicine at Addis Ababa University in 1971. That was interrupted by the 1974 coup which overthrew Emperor Hailie Salassie. Mr Meles fought alongside many fellow Marxists who later became his enemies in his struggle against President Mengistu.

Assefa Mamo, a spokesman for the Ethiopian front, who was at school with Mr Meles from the age of seven, said Mr Meles decided to turn to the armed struggle in 1975 when he realised that the military dictatorship of President Mengistu would never lead to democracy. He fought with the TPLF, and set up the EPRDF in March 1989.

For the first ten years Mr Meles and his rebels were based in the mountains of Tigre in northern Ethiopia. They were virtually cut off from the rest of the country and in their isolation espoused Marxist ideology.



Meles: has started to expand his support

Ethnic tensions rise as Tigréans take over capital

From TIM DEAGLE AND ANDREW LYCETT IN ADDIS ABABA

THEIR faces contorted by anger, a mass of people sprinted across the narrow bridge towards the car, engulfing it in seconds. Pressing themselves so close to the windows that their noses flattened on the glass, they attacked the car screaming "Americans Americans, no pictures, get out", while pounding the roof, bonnet and windows with sticks and fists. The driver accelerated violently through the crowd, followed by a stream of well aimed stones.

A hundred yards further up the road towards what was until a week ago President Mengistu's palace, the demonstrators chanted abuse at rebel soldiers who are now in charge of the building. The troops fired bullets over the heads of the screaming rioters, who scattered like leaves in a strong wind.

Only 24 hours after the rebels took Addis Ababa, the new coalition government has stepped in to ban such demonstrations. Its action followed a day of angry gatherings throughout the city by groups of between 100 and 400 people who have been venting their anger. Their grouse is mainly ethnic: they are Amharas who have dominated Ethiopia for over a century, while the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, the dominant group, is largely composed of Tigréans from the north of the country.

The demonstrators have also been shouting anti-American slogans. There have been some ugly anti-American incidents, and American journalists have been man-handled in the streets. The US is accused of conniving in the division of the country and bringing the Ethopian front troops into the city. "Where is democracy for us now?" asked one man. Another who said he was a driver said: "Only Tigréan people have rights now." He accused them of looting and said "they have come to my house and taken away my television and radio by force".

Although the Ethiopian front has generally been firing over the demonstrators' heads, a number of deaths have been reported. Six people were killed outside the Ras Hotel in the centre of the capital after they tried to force their way in. They were complaining that the hotel was not flying an Ethiopian flag. Another man killed close to the Hilton Hotel was accused of being a soldier of the Mengistu regime.

A well-spoken senior Ethiopian front official stopped his Toyota land cruiser in Menelik Avenue to give an impromptu press conference. He accused the demonstrators of being "children, gamblers and thieves" who were manipulated by supporters of the Mengistu regime. He said there had been similar demonstrations in most of the towns that the Ethiopian front had captured. "But we've been patient and we've handled it," he said. He had banned demonstrations to ensure the safety of the city.

People were only being arrested when they disrupted the capital's security, he insisted.

Reprieve for blacks sentenced to death

Johannesburg – Appeal court judges have commuted death sentences on 14 people convicted under South Africa's "common purpose" doctrine of murdering a policeman during a riot in a black township in 1985 (Gavin Bell writes).

The ruling by Mr Justice E.M. Grosskopf and two associates in Bloemfontein yesterday overturned one of the most infamous judgments in the country's legal history, when 25 people were convicted of murder and one of attempted murder by the supreme court sitting in the northern Cape town of Upington.

In yesterday's ruling the convictions of 18 appellants were changed from murder to public violence and the death sentences were commuted to terms of imprisonment ranging from one year suspended to 12 years. As a result, only four remained in prison.

The case of the "Upington 25" closely resembled that of the "Sharpeville Six", in which five men and a woman were sentenced to hang for the "common-purpose" murder of a black town councillor, although it was not proved that they had participated in the killing. Human rights lawyers welcomed yesterday's judgment.

Missile cancelled

Buenos Aires – Antonio Erman González, Argentine defence minister, announced on Tuesday the "complete and irreversible" cancellation of the Condor missile project, although he stopped short of using words such as "scrapped" or "destroyed". The missile has a range of 625 miles.

Somalia talks

Mogadishu – The Somali interim government set up after the January overthrow of President Barre agreed to take part in peace talks in Djibouti with rival groups, Radio Mogadishu reported. The ruling United Somali Congress said it was prepared to talk to all other factions. *(AFP)*

Boost for Aden

Aden – Yemen declared Aden, once one of the world's busiest ports, a free trade zone again. Aden, at the mouth of the Red Sea, has become a backwater, but the government wants the city to recover the role it once played as a port for ships plying to and from India and the Far East. *(Reuter)*

Gulf war toll

Washington – More than 200,000 people, including up to 120,000 Iraqi soldiers and 76,000 Iraqi civilians, died as a result of the Gulf War, the environmental organisation Greenpeace said yesterday in what it claimed was the most comprehensive analysis yet of the conflict.

Iraq demand

New York – The five permanent members of the UN security council have agreed to demand that Iraq should pay for the destruction of its own chemical arsenal, ballistic missiles and weapons-usable nuclear material. They are expected to ask the other ten members to support them in a new resolution on Iraq.

Husain warns of new flashpoint

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN AMMAN

KING Husain of Jordan, newly rehabilitated in the eyes of Western governments after his Gulf war isolation, says the Arab-Jewish conflict has reached its most critical point since the formation of Israel in 1948. He predicted an upsurge of extremism if the world did not act to end the Palestinian problem as it had the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

"This could very well be the last chance", the king said in his first interview since the war. "If the opportunity is not taken, what has happened in the region so far might produce a drift to extremism born of despair." His remarks were directed at the rapid increase in the number of Jews moving to Israel from the Soviet Union and, now, from Ethiopia. The monarch said that 65 per cent of the land conquered from the Arabs in 1967 had been absorbed, annexed or otherwise changed.

"There are two similar situations that this area has been afflicted by, one of a long duration (the Arab-Israeli dispute) and the other of a relatively short duration (Kuwait). That was dealt with by the world as a whole. The only thing that would create the mechanics of counterbalance would be now to address the chronic Arab-Israeli problem.

"Over Kuwait, the whole world took a strong stand on the issue of the acquisition of territory by war, which we in Jordan have always been against. So, if that is a principle, its application everywhere has to be addressed."

Asked if he was predicting another Middle East war, the fear of a growing number of regional observers, the king replied: "I foresee the possibility of a lot of turbulence in the region if something is not done soon. That will be of benefit to nobody."

He combined pessimism about the future without a settlement with optimism about the American initiative, despite its difficulties. The king, whose pivotal role in efforts to find peace has helped to speed Western forgiveness, gave no hard evidence for his optimism. But officials noted that he had had a long telephone conversation with President Bush recently.

Purdah brings sporting strife

Moves towards Islamic extremism in Jordanian schools are meeting resistance from outraged parents, **Christopher Walker** reports

A BAN on fathers watching their daughters compete in school sports, imposed by the Muslim fundamentalist education minister of Jordan, has sparked a mass campaign against the Islamisation of what was one of the most religiously tolerant states in the Arab world.

Introduced on April 30, the ban has prompted thousands of parents to mobilise and sign a petition to be presented to the government demanding that the measure and others, including a plan to close all co-educational schools, should be withdrawn.

The minister, Abdullah Akaileh, who is one of five members of the extreme Muslim Brotherhood brought into the government for the first time in January, said that the ban "would allow girls total freedom to display their skills without embarrassment" in front of their mothers.

One angry father asked the *Jordan Times*: "What kind of human beings does he think we are?" The paper said that the issue had provoked an unprecedented debate. "Does he think that looking at legs can possibly be on our minds?"

A mother, who, like most of the campaigners, was afraid of being identified, accused the minister of "eradicating the human link between a father and his daughter and the enjoyment of having both parents participate with their children in their development".

The ban came after a string of orders based on Islamic precepts, including a ban on men teaching sports to girls, a curb on the freedom of schools to decide to close on Christian holidays, and the rescheduling of vital examinations to coincide with the Christmas holiday.

Mr Akaileh also introduced a "victory prayer" which all schoolchildren are now required to recite aloud every morning. It condemns Western and Zionist influence on the country and calls upon God to "bring their destruction through their own doing; may God encircle them, may God shame them and bring us victory over them".

The minister, who refused to shake hands with women winners of the crown prince awards, prompting their male counterparts to refuse to shake hands with him, is backed by a block of 32 Islamic deputies in the 80-member parliament. One MP, Dr Ali Hawamdeh, said: "It is a well-known fact that putting men and women in the same room is like mixing benzine and fire."

As part of the drive to transform society, Youssef Athem, the minister of social development, has enforced Islamic rules of morality by segregating the sexes in his ministry and barring female employees from travelling abroad on official missions without a protector. One woman member of the parents' action committee said: "The people are angry at these attempts to interfere with what they see as their private lives. These people seem to think all men are sexual perverts: perhaps that is because they are."

The zealots who made sweeping gains in the 1989 parliamentary elections have claimed mass support for their measures. "Prostitution, child prostitution, rape and venereal disease hardly exist in our societies", Humann Said, a deputy for Amman, said. "Why should we encourage such evils by following the very ways of the West?"

The dispute has posed a dilemma for King Husain, the Western-educated monarch of Jordan, who traces his roots back to the prophet Muhammad but is opposed to the intolerance of the more extreme Islamic deputies. As one protester put it: "If the government does not respond to our demands, we will go to the king. We want to move forward with religion, not backward."

France to urge Syrian pullout

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

THE French government is to formally request the withdrawal of all Syrian troops from Lebanon and the subsequent holding of nationwide elections there. This was announced after yesterday's weekly cabinet meeting and follows the signing of a treaty last week between the Syrians and the Lebanese government which laid the foundations for close harmonisation of their policies.



France was decidedly unhappy about the terms of that accord, and the government's response is clearly intended to emphasise this to Beirut and Damascus. According to Jack Lang, who now doubles as President Mitterrand's chief spokesman and minister of culture, Paris considers the previous Taif agreement, which dealt with the independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon, as the best avenue through which it will regain full sovereignty.

M Lang also passed on the president's observation at the meeting that France is the only country which has consistently defended "the Lebanese identity" and is determined to continue doing so. The displeasure felt in Paris was made even clearer by M Lang's recollection that the arrival of the first Syrian troops in Lebanon in 1976 had been approved by a different French government – that of the conservative president Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

Under the socialists, the main thrust of French policy has been to seek a Syrian withdrawal, while traditional close links with Lebanon's Christian community were retained. This contributed substantially towards the coolness in French relations with Syria in the past few years.



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Fat people eat too much, often hiding the truth even from themselves. **Liz Hodgkinson** reports

You are what you eat, believe it or not

For years, overweight people have blamed their glands, genes, hormones, sluggish circulation or slow metabolism for their excess poundage. But now the simple truth can be told — they eat too much. They do not just eat too much for them, as has been thought previously — they consume more than human beings need, on an absolute, not just a relative, scale.

Dr Andrew Prentice, a nutritionist with the Medical Research Council's Dunn Nutrition Unit in Cambridge, has proved through meticulous laboratory tests that fat people always eat far more than thin ones — whatever they may maintain to the contrary.

They do not have defective metabolism. Dr Prentice has found, by measuring digestive activity and energy expenditure in obese and lean people, that fat people expend far more energy and have faster metabolism than thin people with similar activity levels.

What Dr Prentice did discover, however, in research published last week, was that fat people have no real idea how much they eat. They may say they have bird-like appetites — and believe it — but they do not.

"The myth about slow metabolism has come about because overweight people always underestimate what they eat," Dr Prentice says. "Although we know there is a genetic component to being overweight, and that people come in all shapes and sizes, nobody can possibly be clinically obese unless they consistently overeat.

"Although obese people may complain about their thyroids or hormones causing their overweight, doctors never find any problems of this kind. There is a disorder known as Prader-Willi syndrome, where a lesion in the brain means there is no appetite control, but this is extremely rare.

"Most overweight people will tell the doctor they eat hardly anything, but our research showed that this could not possibly be the case. Overweight adults and children always eat too much."

The clinically obese are defined as those whose body mass index (which is weight in kilograms divided by height in metres squared) totals 25 or over. A person 5ft 5in (1.64m) tall weighing 11 stone (70kg), for example, would fall into this category. They usually eat the same amount as thinner people at meals. They may even eat less — in public. They get fat because they eat in secret, not even fully aware of it.

"We found that when we added up the actual calories taken in by obese people during a day, it added up to an enormous amount," Dr Prentice says. "Most of our volunteers simply had no idea what they were taking in. What we have to research now is what drives some people to overeat."



RONALD GRANT

An ounce on the lips, an inch on the hips: the 1919 film *The Poor Boob* showed the weight of the problem

Beauchamp Colclough, the director of the Promis Recovery Centre, Kent, one of the few residential centres to tackle eating disorders as an addiction similar to alcoholism or gambling, says the findings are music to his ears. "The fact is, you do not get fat simply by looking at food. Of course, everybody's metabolism is different, but not that different," he says. "There is no possible way that a human being can get up to 20 stone or more without being a compulsive eater."

At the centre compulsive eaters are made to sit down to three good meals a day. "They have to sit there until they've eaten them and they are not allowed anything in between," Mr Colclough says. "We find, without exception, that they lose weight."

What drives people to eat in secret — and then conceal, even from themselves, what they have eaten? "Overweight people are not mad, they are not lacking in willpower, and they are as intelligent and high-achieving as thin people," Mr Colclough says. "As we see it, they eat to anaesthetise some deeply-felt pain. Overeaters nibble constantly for the same reason that alcoholics drink or gamblers bet — to make themselves feel better inside."

One 25-year-old woman, who has been at the Promis Centre for 11 weeks, weighed 13 and a half stone when she went to the centre. "My problem started when I was 14 and at boarding school. At first it wasn't in secret, but as I gained weight and people started to comment, it went underground," she says. "I denied to myself and to everybody else that I overate and I never faced up to how much I was eating."

She says that the regimen of eating only at mealtimes has not been easy, although group therapy with others with the same problem has helped. "I'm eating 1,200 calories a day here. I now know what it is to eat a normal amount of food a day — something I had lost sight of before. I've also lost at least two stone — and know I must never eat sugar or refined flour again."

All overweight people, Mr Colclough says, binge on foods containing sugar and white flour. "These foods are highly addictive, and for this reason are absent from our meals here. Compulsive eaters must never eat sugar or refined flour."

Dr Prentice says the good news is that when obese people are able to limit their intake to below 2,000 calories a day, they find the weight falls off. "There's no need to starve," he says. "And it's not true, as some people have maintained, that dieting makes you fat — that's rubbish."

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MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Presidential ills

MILLIE, President Bush's spaniel, has lupus which, like some forms of thyroid trouble, belongs to the auto-immune group of diseases. Although patients with a family history of an auto-immune disease have an increased vulnerability to other diseases in this group, cohabiting with either his wife Barbara (who has contracted Graves's disease) or Millie is not a risk factor for the president. Mr Bush's recent atrial fibrillation was blamed on an over-active thyroid.

Graves's disease (hyperthyroidism) can be precipitated by stress. As both the president and his wife had a sudden increase in stress in their lives at the same time it is not inexplicable that they should both react in the same way. A rare form of thyroiditis, de Quervain's, can be post-viral, but the clinical picture does not fit the president's case.

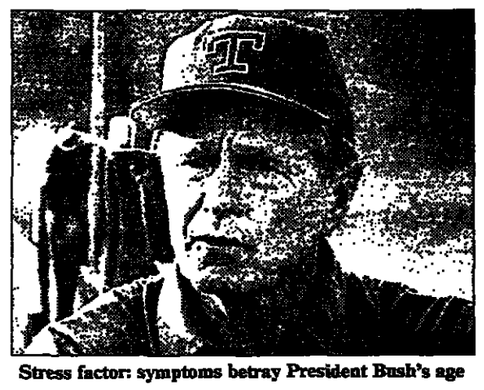
Whether the president's heart is now beating regularly of its own volition, or as a result of drugs which control his heart rate and rhythm, is not clear.

Some cynics have suggested that the discovery of an over-active thyroid as the cause of the atrial fibrillation had the same diagnostic validity as the flu which old-style Soviet leaders used to develop during tense negotiations.

The idea that their president was suffering from atrial fibrillation which had no obvious cause was unwelcome to White House advisers, for although the condition can occur at any age, like baldness it becomes more common as the years advance.

In older men it is usually due to arteriosclerosis, often with an associated enlargement of the left ventricle. To be able to attribute the atrial fibrillation to thyrotoxicosis, which can affect any age group, dispelled the idea that the president was showing signs of ageing.

The cynics are probably wrong, for thyrotoxicosis presents in a different way in the elderly, but the very fact that the signs and symptoms were hidden betrays President Bush's age.



Stress factor: symptoms betray President Bush's age

In younger patients the diagnosis is obvious: the neck is swollen, the eyes are prominent, the eyelids retracted so that the whites of the eyes show around the iris, there is a tremor and the skin is warm and moist.

Older patients usually have covert signs. The first indication of trouble is often a cardiac arrhythmia, very often the atrial fibrillation the president suffered from. There is weight loss, and sometimes osteoporosis, and symptoms vary with age, too. There is some evidence that President Bush was hyperactive and irritable, but in 75 per cent of cases in older people these classic manifestations are absent, and patients complain instead of depression, weakness and lethargy.

Powder problems

POWDERING a baby after a bath is part of nursery ritual. The child is patted dry with a warm towel and then sprinkled with talcum powder. The theory is simple — any excess moisture is absorbed by the powder and any untoward baby smells masked by its scent, leaving the child glowing from its bath and smelling sweet.

Talcum powder, however, is not innocuous. If inhaled, it can cause dire trouble in the lungs. The *British Medical Journal* reported on May 18 a case from Wiltshire in which a 12-week-old baby who had inhaled some powder became blue with respiratory distress following a collapsed lung, more than four hours after his bath. He survived, but only after transfer to an intensive care unit at Southampton where he needed ventilation, bronchoscopy and intravenous steroids.



Safety first: baby bathtime

This is not an isolated case. One per cent of all calls to poison units about children under five concern talcum powder, and there have been eight recorded deaths attributed to it. Paediatricians emphasise that the powder is in any case unnecessary for drying.

Close eye on infection

CONTACT lenses not only give better vision than spectacles but improve morale, and allow wearers to forget the taunts of their childhood. In the past 30 years these lenses have become increasingly sophisticated and comfortable.

However, an international conference of ophthalmologists in London last week was warned that extended-wear lenses, those which can be left in overnight, carry an annual risk of infection of one in 500, as opposed to one in 2,500 for daytime soft lenses, and one in 7,500 for gas-permeable rigid lenses.

Whatever the type of lens used, hygiene in particular, and adherence to the manufacturers' regulations in general, is essential.

Women caught up in ever-increasing cycles

News of the role of menstrual cycles in breast cancer surgery has brought a contentious subject into the open

To be irritated by those around you is one thing; then to be accused of being ruled by your hormones is quite another. This is why many women feel the female cycle should never be permitted to become an issue, and why, in an age of frank self-exposure, it continues to be largely unmentionable.

The menstrual cycle was openly under discussion last week when doctors from Guy's hospital, in London, announced that operating on breast cancer patients at the right time of their cycle more than doubles their chances of survival. Their discovery is a rare example of good news about the hormonal changes which women of child-bearing age experience every month.

The Guy's doctors research followed several earlier studies into the menstrual cycle and the timing of operations. The Guy's team looked at operations carried out ten years ago, in which the timing in relation to the woman's cycle could be shown from her menstrual history, and the outcome of those operations.

They were particularly interested in the role of the female hormone oestrogen, which is released from the ovaries during the monthly cycle and is strongly suspected of promoting (rather than causing) the growth of tumours. Their findings indicate that the outcome of an operation is likely to be dramatically better after the 13th day of the cycle, or on the first two days of the period when women are either producing low levels of oestrogen, or high enough levels of progesterone partly to block the action of the oestrogen.

These findings are likely to lead other hospitals to search their records, although menstrual history is not always noted when women have breast surgery.

Scientists already know a little, but not yet enough, about how the monthly cycle influences a woman's chances of getting breast cancer. Women who start their periods early and reach the menopause late, the childless, and those who delay child-bearing, all seem to be at greater risk. The women in these higher-risk groups are characterised by having more monthly cycles than women whose fertile years are fewer, or who are often pregnant.

Women who have an early menopause (and whose ovaries are failing to produce oestrogen) seem to be protected against breast cancer. It has been argued that removing the ovaries 15 years before the menopause would reduce a woman's risk of breast cancer by 80 per cent. However, a Guy's breast surgeon, Ian Fentiman, accepts that this is a non-starter. "It would be unacceptable to the vast majority of women, not least because of the severe menopausal symptoms," he says.

In fact, doctors interfere with the menstrual cycle at their patients' peril. The hormone oestrogen positively protects women against the bone thinning disease osteoporosis, which affects one in four after the age of 60 and one in two after 75. It also protects against cardiovascular disease, which causes even more premature deaths in women than breast cancer.

But most studies into the female cycle have focused on the negative, such as premenstrual syndrome (PMS). As with so many contentious health issues, the nature of the effect of PMS on a woman's health depends on who you ask.

Cary Cooper, a professor of organisational psychology and one of Britain's leading experts on stress in the workplace, says that, even in the Nineties, periods are listed as one of several reasons not to hire women, not only by chauvinistic managers, but also by some of his own students. In fact, Professor Cooper says, there is no evidence that the time of the month affects the performance of most women. The minority who *are* affected are no more obvious than the men who have to take time off because they smoke or drink too much.

"Despite their monthly cycles, women are much less likely to show signs of job stress, even when they are working under a lot of pressure," Professor Cooper says. "Women are more resilient in all the stress measures — better copers and more job-satisfied. Although men's moods are not regulated by a cycle, they are more likely to have mood changes which affect their work."

'Women are much less likely to show signs of stress, even under pressure'

But Roger Neuberg, a consultant obstetrician at the Leicester Royal Infirmary, believes that 75 per cent of women have some form of PMS. Mr Neuberg, who has ten patients severely affected by PMS, says: "I also see a lot of moderately severe premenstrual syndrome sufferers. These women tell me that they are not evil at work because they know they have to curb their feelings. But when they get home, they let fly."

Treatments vary from changing to a healthier diet (which seems to work, although nobody knows why) and taking food supplements such as vitamin B6 or oil of evening primrose, to medical interventions such as psychiatry, hormones — or drugs which block the action of hormones (although placebos seem to have an embarrassingly high success rate), and ultimately surgery to remove the offending organs. Not surprisingly, in view of the patients he sees, Dr Neuberg believes that some women would be better off without the menstrual cycle.

Dr Gwyneth Sampson, a consultant psychiatrist with Sheffield health authority, says the kind of PMS which causes severe problems affects fewer than 1 per cent of women. "A lot of research was done by the motor insurers to see if women had more road accidents. If women were more vulnerable and more dangerous we would have been got at, but the evidence simply wasn't there. Perhaps we are more aware of it because women have more periods now than ever before, because we are pregnant less often."

Women who suffer from the syndrome do not display higher levels of female hormones than others, Dr Sampson says. However, one theory suggests that their brain chemicals are more sensitive to hormonal influences, accounting for their strange behaviour at certain times of the month. Another explanation is that the women concerned are unhappy anyway, and become more susceptible to depression when their periods are due. A third hypothesis is that some women suffer because they are conditioned to believe that their menstrual cycles will be problematical. Dr Sampson believes that all three theories can be variously applied, according to the symptoms of the individual patient. PMS is unknown in developing countries, perhaps because everyday survival is a greater imperative than the state of the psyche.

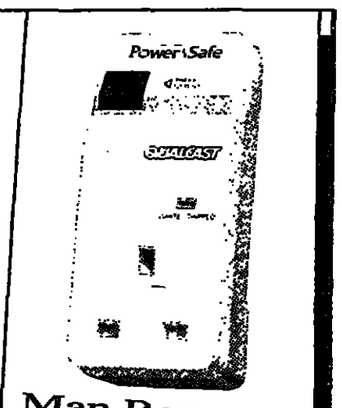
One researcher in Toronto took the trouble to ask women about their positive feelings during the premenstrual period. He questioned a hundred healthy women, and two out of three reported more positive symptoms than negative ones. For them, PMS meant an increased interest in sex, an increase in energy, better work performance and an increased sense of wellbeing.

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Enthralling Irish lives of romance and quiet despair

Victoria Glendinning greets a permanent classic of the Trevor genre of narrow lives and unfulfilled potential on that damp green isle

You might be forgiven for thinking that William Trevor had already said all that he had to say about Ireland — or rather about his Ireland — or rather about his Ireland of dim, predetermined lives and unrealised potential, light-years away from the legendary glitter of literary Dublin or the Irish Tourist Board's emerald-green appeal. Trevor has written about many peoples and places, but it is this other, bleaker Ireland that he has repeatedly explored over two decades in his careful, dry, often heart-rending (and prize-winning) fiction.

But he still has power to astonish. *Two Lives* comprises two novels in the one volume. The first, *Reading Turgenev*, is not so very short — 224 pages — that it could not have been published on its own. Perhaps the author or his publishers felt that the Irish small-town setting might provoke a feeling of weariness in his readers, and so included the second and shorter novel, *My House in Umbria*, as an exotic dessert. But it is the Irish story that this book will be remembered for. It is essence of Trevor, a little masterpiece.

Reading Turgenev is the life story of Mary Louise, a farmer's daughter in Co Cork in the dreary, impoverished 1950s. Her highest aspiration was to work in the chemist's shop in the local town, and even that was disallowed. So there is no reason not to marry unattractive, middle-aged Elmer Quarry, who owns the draper's shop in town and lives above it with his two unmarried elder sisters. There is no romance involved on either side, no sexual drive, just convenience.

They are Protestants, members of a sterile, shrinking minority. The narrowness of this provincial life, where celibacy may be preferred to the terrifying intimacies of sex, where the anecdotes have no punch-lines, and where a bicycle-ride along the empty roads is the only diversion, provides opportunities only for the efflorescence of neurosis, especially in the claustrophobic household above the shop. Elmer's two sisters, resenting Mary Louise, make her life a cold misery. Elmer himself, out of his depth, takes to drink. She takes refuge in fantasy, which is seen as madness, and she is "put away" for 31 years. The marriage was never consummated.

The title is literary and, in spite of the cultural poverty so sparely and painfully conveyed, so is the story. Mary Louise found a brief escape from the drapery in the company of an invalid cousin, a clever, lonely young man who played with lead soldiers and read Turgenev aloud to her in a ruined church with a rose growing through the ruins. Both waifs, both virgins capable of passion, they loved one another chastely. He suddenly died. This episode is so romantic, in a 19th-century sense, that you may wonder how it meshes with the grey realism of the rest. But love, art and roses inhabit the same universe as Hogan's Bar, where Elmer Quarry drinks himself into oblivion, or the stuffy dining-room over the drapery and the sisters' disgusting rissoles.

TWO LIVES
By William Trevor
Viking, £13.99

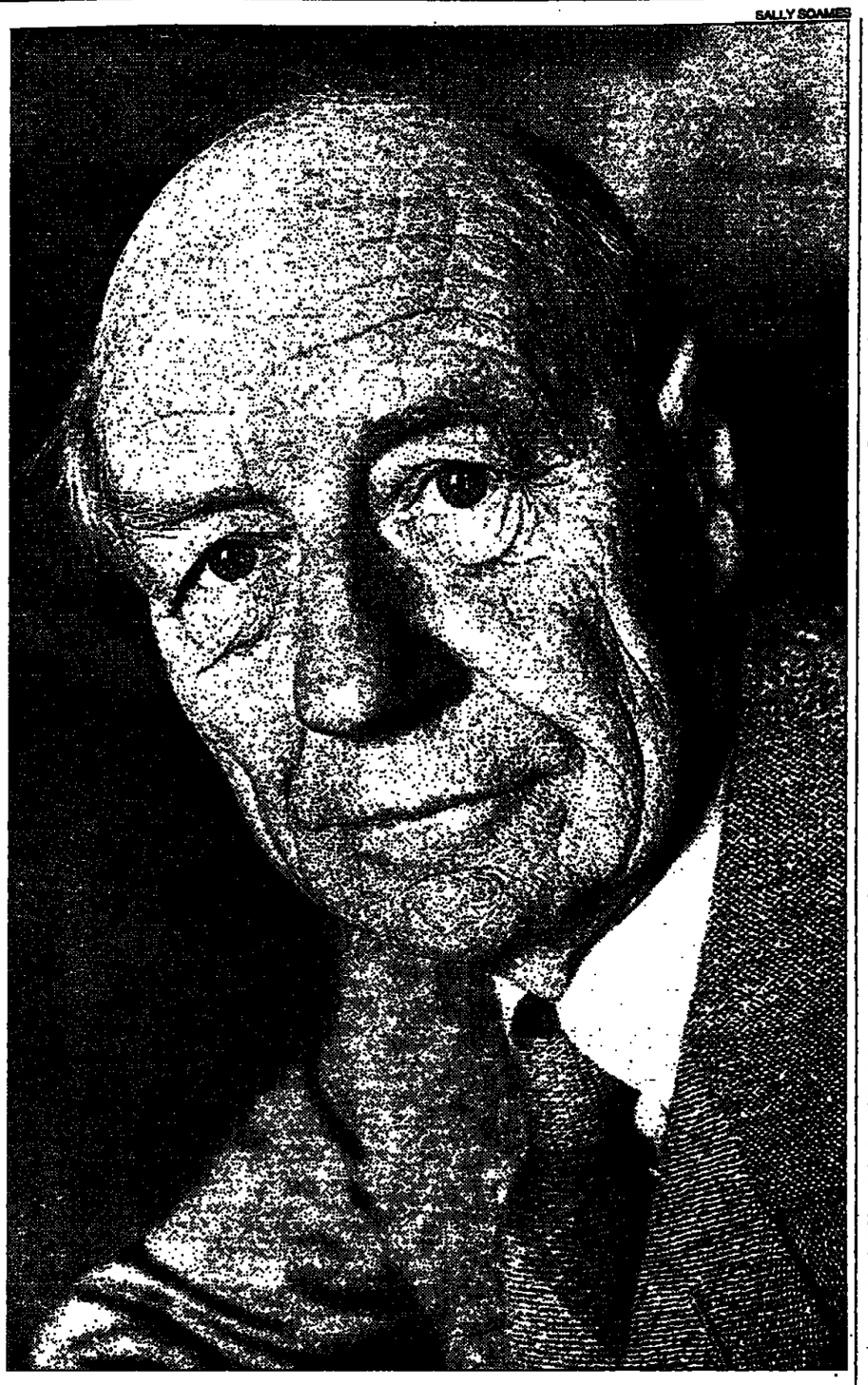
The novel reminds you of other stories and other writers — *Madame Bovary*, Cinderella, *The Dead*, the grimmer short stories of Chekhov, and, in the desolate details of the drapery business and the two obsessional sisters, the novels of Wells and Bennett. To say that a book reminds you of other books is not generally a recommendation. In this case it is as if *Reading Turgenev* immediately joins that honourable company of classic fiction as a permanent member.

My House in Umbria is fine too, but somewhat contrived. The story is told in the first person by Mrs Delahunty, a fat, golden-hearted ex-whore in middle age, with a weakness for gin and astrology, giving shelter in her Umbrian villa to three convalescent victims of a terrorist attack in which she too was injured. She writes trashy romantic novels with deep sincerity, and our dips into her oeuvre are most enjoyable.

She and her damaged fellow-survivors — an English general, a German youth, a grossly disturbed little American girl — support one another lovingly in their own dotty way until reality, in the form of the child's American uncle, invades their tranquillity and destroys Mrs Delahunty's fantasy of herself. He is a professor, a man without imagination. We know, as Mrs Delahunty for a long time does not, that he sees her just as a drunken old tart from whom his niece must be quickly removed.

Too much of the humour and pathos depends on dramatic irony. Sometimes Trevor gets Mrs Delahunty's voice absolutely right, especially her vein of genteel pedantry. But he cannot stay within her intellectual limits *and* express all that must be expressed. Sometimes there is more of him than of her in the monologue. The net result is a wavering mental image of the irresistible Mr Trevor in drag.

SALLY SOAMES



William Trevor, of the beady eye and the precise pen, on the importance of fiction for two women

Pass the garlic 'n' stake

SCIENCE FICTION

Tom Hutchinson

DRACULA UNBOUND
By Brian Aldiss
Grafton, £13.99

ALDISS is amok again. A fever of release is once more upon him. After unshackling Frankenstein, he's shovelled aside the mould covering the great undead, transfusing Bram Stoker's sex-and-death archetype with new blood. Roger Corman made a movie of *Frankenstein Unbound*. This is suited to the open-heart cinema of David Cronenberg.

It is an astonishing transmutation. The heroic Bodenland — pursuing the leather-winged Fleet Ones who have taken his wife beyond death — not only find they are extra-terrestrial suckers who never give humans an even break, but that the Time Train that shuttles them around is his responsibility. An ecological warning just in time for all chrono-scientists beavering away at Fort Wells. Added to that there is, after a guest appearance by Bram Stoker himself, the startling news that the original book of *Dracula* is "the 19th century masterwork on syphilis".

So, a different kind of science fiction emerges from the cocoon of Victorian fantasy via Aldiss's nostalgia for that which has never been experienced — only sensed as myth. In his excitement at revelation, though, there is a nervous fumbling with the shroud-sheets of narrative, notably Bodenland's son and daughter-in-law, whose sub-plot tends to distract by its Freudian obviousness. But the great necromancer turns even that lead into gold with a climactic confrontation with the mother (and father) of evil, when all human life is at, er, stake: there will be few better reads this year.

What next for Brian Aldiss to unleash? Of course; *Ware Wolf*.

■ **They Came and Ate Us: Armageddon II: The B-Movie**, by Robert Rankin (*Bloomsbury, £14.99*). The price, of course, is to be taken very seriously indeed: nothing else is. Mr Rankin levitates even more amazingly than in his first novel, and is a flotation not to be missed as characters such as Elvis Presley (yes!) and Rambo Bloodaxe become involved in events beyond anyone's control, including The Time Sprout's. *Hellzapoppin* with hallucinatory knobs on and a talent to bemuse which is hugely welcome in this grey-suited time: a touch of gaudy.

■ **The Worthing Saga**, by Orson Scott Card (*Century, £13.99*). As an extended space-history this collection engages with many of the themes and characters set down by the author on his peopled worlds. Telepathy links some minds, miracles are part of the organic whole; the nerve-endings of life, so to speak. As a pastoral wonderearth this has a lot of the rural sense of early Bradbury — without the passion. Readable, certainly, but why do I keep thinking of a community workshop in creativity. Too careful?

■ **Stalin's Teardrops**, by Ian Watson (*Gollancz, £13.99*). From the grimly political fable of the title story to a Sherlock Holmesian pastiche on a cloned Cinderella, Mr Watson wreaks havoc with what is accepted — and acceptable. Lots of gallows trap-doors.

■ **The Asimov Chronicles**, by Isaac Asimov (*Century, £14.99*). This volume is weighty, but he writes lightly. It celebrates 50 years of the great man. Surely he's been around for ever? Some of the great robotics are here, but I miss his buffers of chatter between the shunting stories: as sideways glimpses of American SF they were invaluable. Knowing his fondness for recycling why doesn't he rewind them in one volume?

■ **Black Water and White Fire**, edited by Alberto Manquel (*Picador, £9.99 each*). The stories in these anthologies of fantastic literature slither through the undergrowth of our subconscious with ideas that suddenly jolt us to an understanding of that which we fear within. Ray Bradbury's "The Playground" converts Sartre's dictum to: Hell is other children. Kafka's "In The Penal Colony" dreadfully presages the tortured conspiring with the torturer. Awesome material with unexpected pleasures, not only in SF, but in rediscovery of the great, now forgotten, Walter de la Mare.

Love is blind but also sees

Hugh Barnes

LAST LOVERS
By William Wharton
Granta Books, £13.99

WILLIAM Wharton's new novel is an oddity, and an oddity of a totally unexpected sort. It traces the love affair between Jack, a 49-year-old American who has quit his job to become a painter in Paris, and Mirabelle, a 71-year-old virgin who went blind after her mother committed suicide.

The plot draws on the back ground of Wharton's own life. A dozen years ago he stopped working for a multinational computer firm, and started painting and writing on the Left Bank. *Birdy*, the cult classic story of alienation and pigeons, heralded the beginning of an extraordinary creative burst. But Wharton's nonesuch style has evolved gradually and incompletely, creating hybrid novels, like *Dad* and *Scumbler*, that are somehow both confiding and contrived, vertiginously poised between the realistic and the weird. This is the Wharton who keeps you off balance.

Talking of weird, pigeons feature in the new novel, too, in the role of winged cupids. Mirabelle stumbles over Jack's easel while he is painting in the boulevard Saint-Germain. A deal is struck: she cooks him lunch and he describes the pigeons she has befriended. The relationship soon becomes physical as well as gastronomic, enabling Wharton to display a remarkable talent for writing about sensual pleasure. It is possible that his account of mature love will unsettle prudish readers. It's a pity because Wharton is an inspired writer. He treats the language as if he owned it.

Well, perhaps Wharton's linguistic virtuosity isn't such a big secret. Everybody who reads him comes across turns of phrase that refuse to be dislodged from the mind; almost everybody who writes about him winds up abandoning analysis in favour of chapter-and-verse quotation.

The secret of *Last Lovers* is the mixture of radically different modes of expression; what remains mysterious is how Wharton hits upon this extraordinary recipe, and why he alone seems to get it absolutely right. Indeed, witnessing the timeworn habits of Mirabelle and Jack is rather like examining the inner workings of an old-fashioned wristwatch: you can't help thinking things aren't made that way anymore. Blind Mirabelle helps Jack, the visual artist, to understand that seeing is not necessarily believing, and that a correlation exists between different ways of seeing and the reality of things seen.

Wharton goes on to suggest that the *real* thing is often of little or no value; artists invent "real" things infinitely more plausible (and more fruitful) than those conventionally real things that life drops in its hugger-mugger fashion on our doorsteps.

Towards the end of the novel Jack weeps and thrashes about and, no wonder, for he is always at an uneasy distance from himself. Unlike his lover, who says: "Perhaps sometimes it is best to be blind, so one can see the way things really are, and not just be blinded by the way they look." Jack's struggle with great things makes for a comic disproportion. Mirabelle's merry melancholy makes you want to cheer.

Mucky chip off the old block

Jasper Rees

THE ELEPHANT
By Richard Rayner
Heinemann, £13.99



THE LAGOON
And Other Stories
By Janet Frame
Bloomsbury, £9.95

A HALF-BAKED LIFE
By Claude Jenks
Lime Tree, £12.99

RICHARD Rayner's authorial début yielded a portrait of the human zoo that is Los Angeles. It was nasty stuff, but funny — very. LA being the cauldron of dreams, *Los Angeles Without a Map* was hard to pin down as either fact or fiction, so **The Elephant** is officially Rayner's first novel. From the vote-losing opening paragraph onwards the baggage is there to prove it.

It is still nasty stuff, nastier in fact, but with exceptions no longer funny, and not necessarily because Rayner has shifted focus from the weird West Coast to his plodding native town, Bradford. The narrator of the first book, going by the name of Richard Rayner, was a victim, and seemed to like it that way. The new narrator, called Headingley (after the cricket ground) Hamer, is more culprit than victim, and also seems to like it that way. Rayner appears undecided about loving or loathing his creation, but his uncertainty leaves the reader in little doubt. That anyone could see Headingley as a victim at all is because he is the guiltless inheritor of his father Jack's genes. Jack is a charming philanderer, a low-rent mobster, and a failed undertaker who cheats on his wife with a local film starlet, and goes absent without leave for days on end — in short, an all-round execrable example to his three children, two of whom end up horribly affected. As a child Headingley allows none of this to fluster him: well under age, he learns from his dad's floozie how to mix a good martini, as well as certain other skills required of the raffish male. It is only in adulthood, once his father has faked his own death and disappeared, that Headingley deploys those other skills to destructive effect, and so turns into a chip off the old block.

As in *Los Angeles Without A Map* Rayner deftly handles a setpiece scene, but in the long gaps in between these, in the passages of sexist reverie and self-pitying reflection, Headingley strives for a sassy, skittish voice — which comes out as a kind of Amis *fils* on sedatives — that is something of a trial. Like his father he likes to lie; unlike his father he then admits it, if only to the reader, setting up one of those age-old duels between reality and imagination. "I am in dread of not moving you," Headingley tells us near the end, which arouses no more sympathy than anything else from his store of grimy confessions.

The more engaging sections of *The Elephant* come when Headingley is still a scamp. Writing from a child's eye view does not come much more accomplished than in the work of Janet Frame. Since **The Lagoon and Other Stories** was first published in New Zealand in 1951, Frame's international reputation has been secured, not least by Jane Campion's recent biopic *An Angel at My Table*. The collection appears in this country for the first time in the new bijou Bloomsbury Classics series and, being more a curio than a *magnum opus*, it is a perfect fit. Most of the stories are over in a blink, but Frame is a deft miniaturist and knows how to draw meaning from a split-second in which little or nothing apparently happens. The *ingénues* of her tiny narratives, and this mainly goes for her adults too, are sharp little beings, brought to life in lean and fit prose; they have an emotional mobility which enables them to live with slings and arrows — the death of an older sister or a pet cat — as well as hopes and dreams. "The Pictures" is as bright-eyed an account of going to the movies as you will see in the cinema itself. But Frame is not so fey and soft-centred that she cannot find room for laconic wit.

A **Half-Baked Life** is an entertaining oddity. Its jacket nominates an author called Claude Jenks, and it is he whose bio-blurb (plus press kit photo of CJ in balaclava meeting Khrushchev) is written up. It is a one-joke book, that this man Jenks has a knack of bumping into and blithely fraternising with the famous in improbable places, but the joke is varied well and, pumped up by the effervescent pomposity with which Jenks delivers his anecdotes, laughs are thicker on the ground than in, say, *The Elephant*. Unlike Rayner in LA, though, Jenks has only scant pretensions to existence, and is in fact one Brian Thompson, whom modesty keeps from contributing anything other than a prefatory note explaining how he came into possession of the text. Thompson is Jenks's one unfamous encounter, though a more substantial offering than this promisingly daft book might change all that.



Margaret Mahy is also a prolific writer of picture-book texts, and **Keeping House**, *illustrated by Wendy Smith, is another bouncy story about muddle overcome — or nearly so — thanks to determined application. Jaunty pictures. Here playing the trombone all night makes Lizzie Firkin too tired to dust. (Hamish Hamilton, £7.99.)*

Resistible rise of Jeffrey

Tim Heald

AS THE CROW FLIES
By Jeffrey Archer
Hodder & Stoughton, £14.99

OBSERVING this author's brave but forlorn struggle with the English language is as mesmerising as ever. Archer characters do not "choose" sandwiches, they "select" them (p. 427) and they do not "find" pieces of paper (p. 426), they "locate" them. When they talk cockney they simply drop their aitches and add carefully explained rhyming slang.

And so on. This novel ostensibly deals with the rags to riches story of a London barrow boy from 1900 to 1970. The acquisition of riches, reputation, title, beautiful wife and other trappings of SUCCESS is a recurring theme in Archerian legend. Addicts will not be disappointed.

For some time now I have felt that Archer is a much more experimental novelist than his critics allow. His unreal world peopled with shadowy individuals talking in Dalek tongues is, in its way, as surreal as anything in Greene or even Garcia Márquez. In this book he is also tantalising with commonly perceived facts. I had always thought, for instance, that "ermine" was the white fur that trimmed the red ceremonial robes of the House of Lords. Yet here Archer has "Charlie" taking a peerage in "red ermine".

If I came to this work sight unseen I would assume it was by an energetic foreign student in his first year at Ealing. But say what you like, Archer is in a class of his own, and his book has 639 pages.

Escape into the paint world

CHILDREN

Brian Alderson

DANGEROUS SPACES
By Margaret Mahy
Hamish Hamilton, £8.99

MARGARET Mahy is a prolific and versatile writer, and *Dangerous Spaces* can be counted among her ventures into the supernatural. It belongs to that class of fantasy where a troubled child (Anthea, orphaned, trying to settle in with a family of disorderly relatives) escapes into a dream-world where she struggles towards an acceptance of her new life. Viridian, named from a paint-box and fashioned from a set of stereoscopic views, had been invented long years before by her grandfather's brother, who had died at the age of ten; and it is he — dead Henry — who figures first as menace, trying to draw Anthea into his landscape of death.

The difficulty with a scenario like this is making the transitions between the real and the imagined smooth and convincing. Margaret Mahy's rackety household — "holes in the walls and buckets of yucky awful scraps in the kitchen" — is closely observed and full of comic life. As a reader you are not sure that Anthea needs to endure her nocturnal assignations with dead Henry in order to come to terms with her future, and you are inclined to resent being pulled out of that warm family story and dumped in cool Viridian with its disconnected geography. Nevertheless, Mahy's narrative use of the idea of space — living-space within middle, and the non-existent psychic spaces of the stereoscope — develops into a telling metaphor.

Like William Mayne, whose *Game of Dark* is prototype to fictions like this, Margaret Mahy has a gift for wry observations which endorse the reality of the double worlds; and there are times, as when the wash-day water "looked quite dead, grey and exhausted" when you think that Mayne is standing at her elbow.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Pandering to questionable tastes

Geoff Brown on *The Silence of the Lambs, Sibling Rivalry, Le Cop 2, Graveyard Shift*

If the earliest cinema audiences ducked in fright at the Lumiere Brothers' film of a train puffing gently into a station, how on earth would they handle **The Silence of the Lambs** (18, Odeon Leicester Square), nearly a century later? For Jonathan Demme's brilliantly devised but deeply repellent film throws something far greater than a steam engine in the spectator's face: it throws the devil incarnate, in the shimmering form of Anthony Hopkins, who personifies perversion and evil as Dr Hannibal Lecter, eminent psychologist turned serial killer, gorger of human flesh, and long-term resident of the Baltimore Hospital for the Criminally Insane.

Demme's film, adapted from Thomas Harris's best-seller, also includes Buffalo Bill, a fellow psychopath who abducts young females, kills and skins them for his own kinky purposes. His latest capture (a senator's daughter) writhes in desperation in a well dug into his cellar. On his trail is, naturally, another young woman: one Clarice Starling, an FBI trainee (pluckily played by Jodie Foster) plunging into the darkest corners of the American psyche. If *The Silence of the Lambs* were some clumsy low-budget trash, we could cast it onto cinema's scrapheap with a yawn. But the film's technical fireworks force the material on our hearts, minds and stomachs. Jumping with one leap into the Hollywood big-time after years as a likeable cult director, Jonathan Demme uses every trick to enforce his nightmare. When Starling visits the imprisoned Lecter to winkle out clues about Buffalo Bill from his cryptic remarks, severe close-ups seem to suck us into the man's diabolical mind, while production designer Kristi Zea's bizarre setting (Gothic shadows, doors clanging shut) conveys its own ambience of doom.

Demme's usual fund of good humour is banished; comic relief never extends much beyond shots of entomologists playing chess with their specimens. But his talent for characterisation remains: the flinty Starling, fighting off inner demons of her own, is a well-drawn, positive figure. Yet, thanks partly to Hopkins – never one to soft-pedal a role – the heart of the film remains with Lecter, the insidiously polite connoisseur of evil, who outwits all opponents even when manacled in a vast steel cage.

In the first month of release, American moviegoers shelled out $60 million to share Starling's experiences; the current box-office total is double that amount. Moviegoers, of course, have always liked vicarious thrills. Dracula, Frankenstein and their brethren used to deliver them in rough but teasing style; even *Psycho*, which opened the gates for a tiresome army of knife-wielding loonies, was directed by Hitchcock with an impish glint. But there is no sense of play about *The Silence of the Lambs*; this is a film in deadly earnest: solemnly mounted, highly polished. And while Demme never stoops to the lowest levels of horror exploitation, his film still follows in the footsteps of *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre*, *The Evil Dead*, and other bastions of the New Horror. In former times people cheered at Christians thrown to the lions. Now we stand in line to contemplate cannibalism, dismemberment, and the most evil thoughts. Some might say we get the entertainment we deserve; but it is still deeply dispiriting to witness an art form, and a likeable talent such as Demme's, caving in with such panache to the basest human instincts.

This is a brilliantly devised and deeply repellent film

At least the director Carl Reiner clings to his funnybone: **Sibling Rivalry** (15, Odeon Haymarket), starring Kirstie Alley, spins a farcical web around a thwarted doctor's wife and her sexual fling with a stranger. First, her bed partner dies of a heart attack; second, he is revealed as her brother-in-law, just returned from 15 years in South America. Third, a failed salesman of vertical blinds, crashing into the body in a hotel room, believes he himself was the cause of death.

None of this, alas, is hilarious. Limp contrivances dog Martha Goldhirsh's script, and Reiner's direction is never nimble enough to disguise them; whole scenes unfold in long theatrical takes that leave the players no place to hide. Alley's in-laws – doctors all – are a delightfully superior bunch (Carrie Fisher leading). Sam Elliott is persuasive as her one-afternoon stand, while Paul Benedict contributes a nutty cameo as the myopic Dr Plotner, fishing out the corpse's organs.

But these are supporting players. When the camera grinds away before Kirstie Alley, thrusting forth her exasperated stare and vaulting eyebrows, or Bill Pullman's grimacing salesman, the film turns to stone. *Sibling Rivalry* is not the comic tonic the week needs.

Le Cop 2 (12, Cannons Tottenham Court Road and Chelsea), known across the waters as *Ripoux Contre Ripoux*, should at least lift the heart of anyone longing for two hours in Montmartre. Sacré Coeur, the funicular railway, the serpentine streets, smoky bars and strip-joints: Claude Zidi's film is drenched in atmosphere. The first instalment of this comedy saga about lovably corrupt cops found many French fans in 1984; this sequel repeats the winning ingredients.

Plotting remains broad, although the dialogue crackles with realism; co-author Simon Michael is a retired cop who knows Paris and its felons inside out. Philippe Noiret, in a battered brown coat, puts his hangdog face to marvellous use as the world-weary cop, casting into the shade the bland Thierry Lhermitte (his partner). Even with Noiret, 107 minutes prove too many, but there are enough flourishes to keep viewers appreciative.

Back to the cesspool. Like most films based on Stephen King stories, **Graveyard Shift** (18, Whiteleys, Plaza and elsewhere), aims to frighten the spectator to death. It is hard being terrified, however, when the chief tormentors are furry rats, scuttling around a textile mill basement. A vaguely defined monster joins them in the gloom – we glimpse claws, membranes, and hear hungry growls – but is more of a joke than a threat.

Any unpleasantness stems instead from the story's humans, Ralph S. Singleton's clumsy direction and the murky visuals. Production designer Gary Wissner also worked on *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*, mostly set in a sewer: is he, like Dracula, afraid of daylight? The humdrum cast supply no illumination, though an exception must be made for Brad Dourif's gargoyle of a performance as a pest exterminator.



Plucky: Jodie Foster plays a trainee FBI agent pursuing a serial killer in *The Silence of the Lambs*

RADIO: PREVIEW

Meet me in Minneapolis

The BBC is taking a leap into the unknown this weekend when it shifts Radio 3 – lock, stock and microphone – over the Atlantic for 30 hours of broadcasting live from Minneapolis. Between 1.05pm Old World time – 7.05 am Minneapolis time – on Saturday and midnight on Sunday, British and American listeners will be tuned to the same programme: a mixture of BBC product and the output of Minnesota Public Radio (MPR). It will be the first time that radio stations in different continents have joined up for such a run of live broadcasts.

The intention is for British listeners to explore Minnesota's culture and the peculiarities of "public radio" programming, and for Americans to discover Radio 3's less commercial approach. Minnesota being "Lake Wobegone" territory, MPR will feature its hottest property, Garrison Keillor's regular two-hour show. It will transmit a new opera by the local composer Dominick Argento, and tour the studios of another local, the pop singer Prince.

Radio 3 will play the inquiring reporter, providing snapshots of the area and the nation from Alistair Cooke, Brendan Gill and Russell Davies. Paul Eddington and Hannah Gordon are flying out to join local actors in David Benedictus' entertainment *A Tale of Twin Cities*, about the arts communities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Since MPR is a round-the-clock station the broadcasts will run through the night of both continents: Radio 3 staying up until 4am to hear live jazz from the city's Ruby Cabaret.

Why is Radio 3 doing a flit? "We need to know more about what other people are doing," explains John Drummond, controller of Radio 3. "We are far too inward-looking. Radio 3 is the last remaining area of public broadcasting where you can throw away the schedules. I want to use this flexibility."

Translating this vision into stop-watch reality is the task of Brian Barfield, Radio 3's head of planning. He started at the end of January: "It's certainly the most complex job I've ever undertaken. We had intended a weekend in Leningrad but conditions in the Soviet Union made it too difficult. So we thought of America and looked for somewhere with a strong music presence but not as obvious as New York or Boston. Minneapolis is not much known about here, but has an extraordinary range of artistic activity: two orchestras, a composers' forum, a superb collection of modern art and many theatre companies.

"On top of that it has MPR, one of the leading public service stations. They are giving us studios, equipment and technicians; I'm just bringing producers, three studio managers and our recording gear. In fact, the visit will be cheaper for Radio 3 than a normal weekend. Even when you add £35,000 for satellite transmission, the weekend will only cost £100,000."

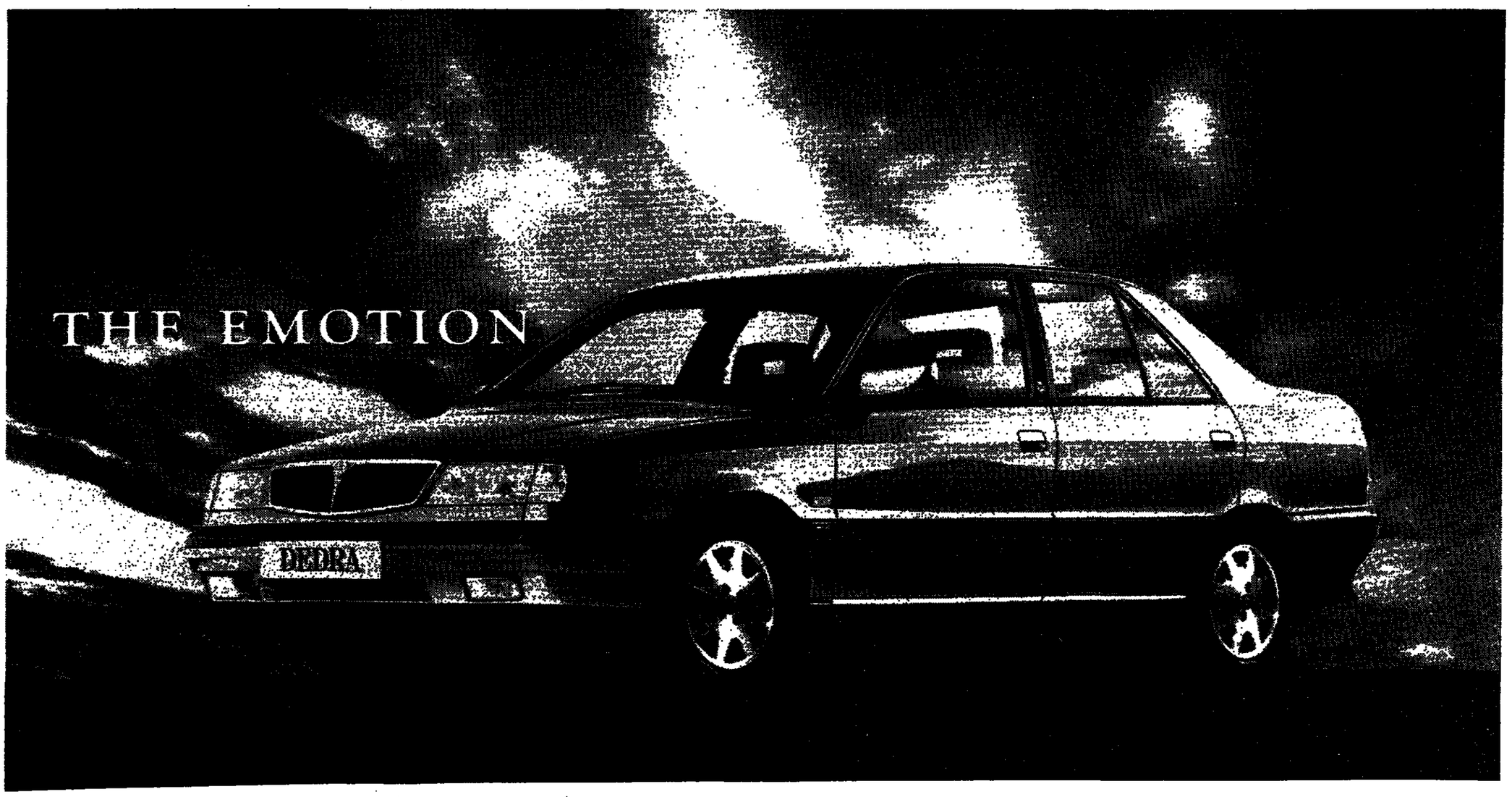


Hannah Gordon: twinning

Drawing up the programme schedule was complicated by the competing time zones. "We have tried to overlay a Radio 3 schedule on MPR's and then adjust it as far as possible to meet the requirements of the stations in Los Angeles, New York and elsewhere that are taking the broadcasts. The sponsors for all MPR programmes get a credit at the beginning and the end of each one; we are keeping these so as to reflect their output properly. The hardest task will be for the presenters who will have to talk to two audiences; in reality, the Americans will be eavesdropping on the British view of their country."

JOHN WHITLEY

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If it's good to be godless, why do they kill?

A.N. Wilson's new pamphlet, *Against Religion: Why We Should Try To Live Without It* (Chatto CounterBlasts) opens with the words: "It is said in the Bible that the love of money is the root of all evil. It might be truer to say that the love of God is the root of all evil. Religion is the tragedy of mankind."

Those statements would have seemed reasonable enough before 1793, when people had little experience of the evil that can be done by irreligious and indeed anti-religious people. But how can an intelligent and highly-gifted person such as Mr Wilson say such things after the experience of the 20th century and the doings of godless regimes, whose victims now far outnumber those of the godly? I don't myself subscribe to the credo of any religion, but I am not buying A.N. Wilson's anti-religious credo either.

There is some confusion about what is meant by "religion" in the pamphlet. Generally Mr Wilson seems to use the word in the ordinary way to mean a faith with a supernatural dimension. But there are two passages in which the idea of religion gets stretched to cover more than this, and Mr Wilson seems to catch a glimpse of the little difficulty I have indicated. On page 24 he writes:

"However intelligent the believer may be, he or she becomes totally passive in their approach to religious authority. This is surely a terrifying phenomenon, for it is exactly the same human characteristic which allowed the quasi-religious cults of the politically irrational which sent the world mad in the 1930s – Nazism and Stalinism."



Stalin: faith only in the gun and the secret police

This won't quite do. We may, if we wish, choose to regard Nazism and Stalinism as "quasi-religious cults", and doing so greatly *strengthens the case against religion*. But the fact that these ideologies themselves both opposed religion deserves a mention. Stalinism (like Leninism and Marxism) was officially and militantly opposed to religion. Indeed "Against Religion" could have been a title of an official publication of Stalin's League of the Godless of Moscow. Nazism was against religion unofficially but no less implacably. Hitler gave way to church pressure over sterilisation and euthanasia (of Gentiles), but was determined to crush the churches and carry out his biological revolution in full once he had won the war. He was wholeheartedly against religion, and it is sophistry to seek to include him in the numbers of those who were in favour of some form of it.

The second passage comes near the end of the pamphlet. On page 44 Mr Wilson writes:

"The Enlightenment supposed that it was conquering superstition, but it actually replaced old superstitions with new ones." He goes on to put the blame for the Terror on the new superstition. Mr Wilson seems to have forgotten that earlier he was cheering on *the very enterprise he here finds to* be flawed. On page 21 we find that "Voltaire's motto is still as valid today as it was 200 years ago when he contemplated the damage done by superstition and religious bigotry: *Ecrasez l'infame!*" But by page 44, it appears that all Voltaire had actually done was to substitute a more virulent form of "superstition and religious bigotry" for the old one.

Mr Wilson's argument is in serious difficulty, whether or not we choose to regard Jacobinism, Marxism, Leninism, Stalinism and Nazism as forms of religion. If we choose to think of them in such a light, however, we ought to acknowledge that all these ideologies (with the partial exception of some forms of Jacobinism) were opposed to religion. Mr Wilson does not, and we can see why. Once this acknowledgement is made, the identification of these particular ideologies as forms of religion would have to mean, would it not, that being against religion can be a form of religion? And if that is accepted, Mr Wilson has some problems, does he not, with the title and argument of his pamphlet?

If, on the other hand, we confine the use of the term "religion" (as I prefer to do) to its ordinary meaning of a faith with a supernatural dimension, then the case against religion cannot be made as forcefully as Mr Wilson, in his present mood, wishes to. When the use is thus confined, religion cannot be blamed for the Jacobin terror or the Stalinist terror, or the Nazi terror.

Certainly in the case of the last two – the most destructive outbreaks of mass murder on this earth – religious people were not the perpetrators, though they were among the victims. Love of God is not the root of all evil. Hatred of God is *down there too, in that* deep and complex root-system.

I have a great respect for A.N. Wilson, both as a person and as a writer. I mildly regret the present pamphlet, but I can understand, and partly share, the mood in which he came to write it. The mood was one of revulsion at the Salman Rushdie affair. Ayatollah Khomeini's *fatwa* was a reminder of how ruthless religion can still be. The deference which some Christian clerics, both Roman and Anglican, paid publicly to "Muslim sensibilities" in the context of that *fatwa* was disturbing. And I agree with Mr Wilson that a proper response to that *fatwa* is not to make blasphemy against Islam an offence in Britain, but to repeal the blasphemy laws altogether.

In *Against Religion*, Mr Wilson has overstated his case. But then, in the history of English controversy, the pamphlet has not habitually been the home of understatement. The religious, at any rate, have to forgive *Against Religion*. As Mr Wilson's unreliable friend, Voltaire, more or less observed, *c'est leur métier*.

Decline and fraud of a union power

Philip Bassett, industrial editor, analyses the TGWU election

Look to the heart of the Labour party and the trade unions in recent years, and you will find a hole. Britain's largest union is now largely an irrelevance. Fifteen years ago, the leader of the Transport and General Workers' Union was seen by the public as more powerful than the prime minister. Now, the TGWU is a suppurating mass of factional infighting, wreathed in the sickening stench of fraud.

This week sees the end of voting for Ron Todd's successor as general secretary. If Bill Morris, currently Todd's deputy, is elected, he will be Britain's first black trade union leader. A former busman, he has tried to reform the union, shifting its emphasis from dying industries towards areas with greater potential, such as services. But to his opponents, Mr Morris is a puppet of the hard left. The other front-runner in this acrimonious campaign, George Wright, is the archetypal modern union leader: articulate, moderate, and as at home with the Japanese companies he has helped attract to Wales, where he is TGWU regional secretary, as he is on the shop floor at Ford's Bridgend plant. Renowned for his organisational skills, he has been keen to promote his left-wing credentials, but opponents see him as a tough right-winger.

Ever since the TGWU structure devised by Ernest Bevin (with geographical regions and sectoral trade groups holding each other in balance) was broken open by Jack Jones, who pushed power down to the shop stewards, the union has collapsed into fratricidal infighting. Jones's successors have been unable to keep all the different elements in balance, and left-wingers, particularly a brutal group based in the north-west, have gained ground.

The left has been notably successful in union elections, but these campaigns have been clouded by repeated ballot-rigging, of which last year's fixing of the general executive council elections was only the most blatant example. An effective wall of silence within the union has forced the police to call off their enquiries into the fraud. The jubilant riggers still wield power.



Respected leaders of the past (top): Bevin and Cousins. Today's contenders: Morris and Wright

Over the last decade, the union has lost more than 750,000 members. Even in its core industries it is still slipping. For example, only 23 per cent of workers in the chemical industry are now members. In the motor industry, the union was damaged when it balked at Ford's conditions for its proposed plant at Dundee, so helping persuade the company not to build in Britain. Now only 40 per cent of car workers are in the union. Nothing the new general secretary can do is likely to reverse the decline.

Bevin's creation lived by mergers, gobbling up smaller unions. But despite an unprecedented number of mergers among other unions in the past decade, the TGWU has not made any such moves. A merger with the NUM is possible, though never – say supporters of both Mr Wright and Mr Morris – while Arthur Scargill is its leader.

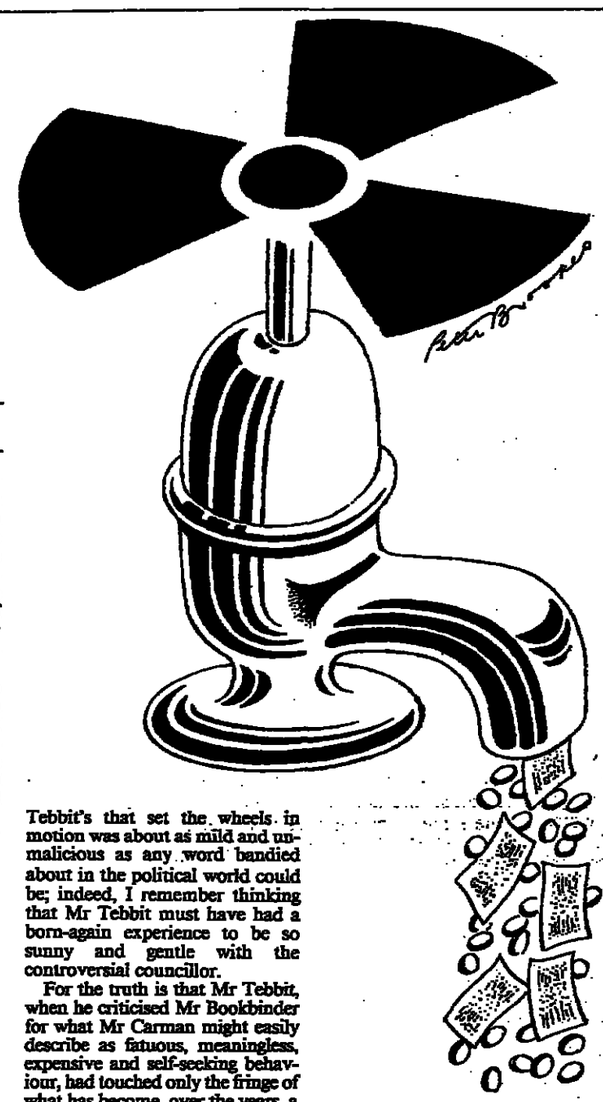
The TGWU used to be able to keep Labour party leaders in line. The size of its cash contribution and block vote meant that when the union cracked the whip, the Labour leader jumped. But Neil Kinnock, though sponsored by the union, has outfaced the TGWU in a number of clashes, the most public of which was Ron Todd's attack on Filofax-carrying socialists on the day of Mr Kinnock's keynote speech at the 1988 Labour conference.

Labour's change of policy over nuclear weapons was the turning point. Stitching together a coalition of support which could outvote the unilateralist TGWU changed the balance of power in the relationship. Mr Kinnock now steps nimbly across the union tripwires between him and Number Ten: the TGWU fraud, for instance, has not been allowed to stain the clean, shiny face Labour presents to the electorate. Both the principal runners in this week's election claim to be Mr Kinnock's choice. They need him.

The TGWU's decline matches that of British industry generally. Long content in its power, content to live by takeovers, the union was held back by an increasingly irrelevant management and operational structure and did not strive to sell itself. Its reluctant response to change now may be too little, too late. The decline may be too steep for the new leader to reverse – whoever he may be.

Your cash, so let's squander it

Bernard Levin takes issue with all the Bookbinders of local government



There are some aspects of the Tebbit-Bookbinder libel action which seem to me to require comment. I heard the news of Dracula's victory on the radio, and was startled to hear that Mr Tebbit had been "*cleared* of libel". That is an odd way of describing the outcome of a civil case, being the terminology of the criminal courts. To my astonishment, almost all the newspapers, on the following day, used similar phrases, giving the impression that Dracula had been prosecuted; astonishment was multiplied by considerable dismay when I saw the headline over the story in this very newspaper, which went so far as to say that Mr Tebbit had been "acquitted".

Now, then; the Chingford Terror was the respondent in a defamation case, not the accused at the Old Bailey. No doubt he has committed countless crimes, from giggling at the Equal Opportunities Commission to eating whales, but if so he has not yet been found out, and until he is, I suggest that comments on his appearances in the courts should be more precise.

The next mystery is why the jury took more than an hour and a half to come to a conclusion which should not have required them to leave the jury-box, let alone retire for most of the afternoon. There is no known precedent for a plaintiff in a libel action declining an invitation to go into the witness-box, and by the time Mr Carman, QC, had finished drawing the jury's attention to this unique attack of shyness, they should have announced that so obvious was their verdict that they did not wish to hear any more of this nonsense and that they would be found, when they were needed for the formality of giving Mr Tebbit his victory, having a cup of tea in the café round the corner. (The next mystery is, why did the judge not award Mr Tebbit full indemnity costs, so that *all* the money he had spent on defending himself would have to be repaid by Mr Bookbinder, rather than something like four-fifths?)

As for Mr Carman, he seems to have modelled his style on mine, a most flattering touch. Of course I would never have used that dreadful cliché, "Hamlet without the prince" (for the future he should note that even Hamlet himself said it was weary, flat, stale and unprofitable), but the rest was very jolly stuff, such as:

> . . . comes before the court claiming damages for injury to his reputation and . . . feelings, and deliberately and consciously and wilfully keeps out of the witness box . . . because he knows there are questions he cannot and dare not answer . . . the cowardly spectacle of a retired junior employee, for whom you must feel some sympathy, being asked questions she is incapable of answering because Mr Bookbinder shields behind her skirts . . . not got the strength of character, integrity, decency and courtesy to go into the witness box and face the music . . What sort of reputation has he got to lose? What reputation, if any, has he lost? You will never know because he has avoided giving evidence . . .

Which leads to the next mystery: why did Mr Bookbinder sue in the first place? To think he could win he must have been what Mr Carman might call "daft, crazy, unhinged, round the twist and for good measure off his head". After all, the remark of Mr Tebbit's that set the wheels in motion was about as mild and unmalicious as any word bandied about in the political world could be; indeed, I remember thinking that Mr Tebbit must have had a born-again experience to be so sunny and gentle with the controversial councillor.

For the truth is that Mr Tebbit, when he criticised Mr Bookbinder for what Mr Carman might easily describe as fatuous, meaningless, expensive and self-seeking behaviour, had touched only the fringe of what has become, over the years, a scandal of considerable size.

On the whole, our local government has been remarkably free of corruption and public theft. From *time to time a councillor is found* with his hand in the till, or the Town Clerk is exposed as taking kickbacks from contractors, but such behaviour is satisfyingly rare. There is, however, a different kind of wrongdoing in the ranks of local government, on the part of the elected members rather than council servants. And although I call it wrongdoing, which I believe it is, it is wrongdoing within the law; what I am describing is something that could never be the object of prosecution. It is the profound conviction among some local government satraps that, provided they do not put the rates or community charge or other monies raised from the citizens into their own pockets, *they can do almost anything lawful they like with it.*

But that is not so. Just consider for a moment what was the *casus belli* of Mr Tebbit's charge and Mr Bookbinder's umbrage. Never mind how much was spent on the – again I borrow Mr Carman's thesaurus – ridiculous, offensive, impudent, conceited and worthless action; however much or little money was wasted by having some of Derbyshire's pretty stationery overprinted with the words "Derbyshire county council is a nuclear-free zone", it was not Mr Bookbinder's money, but that of the people who live in the area, from whom the money had been taken by law, and who would rightly assume that it would be spent only on objects that would be useful to those who had – often with difficulty – provided it.

As you may have read in *The Times* at the end of the libel action, Mr Bookbinder is somewhat too easily given to self-promotion on the rates, as well as mistaking the use for which the rates are collected. Listen to this:

> . . . Mr Bookbinder . . . was criticised in a report by the government's watchdog over local authorities. The report, by Alex Smith, district auditor . . . named him as the prime mover behind transactions involving the council's pension fund which saw a £2 million investment dwindle . . . to less than £430,000 . . . Mr Smith . . . described a series of transactions after the council invested £305,000 in the *News on Sunday*, the failed left-wing newspaper . . . it was Mr Bookbinder's intention to disguise a loss arising from the potential liquidation of the newspaper . . .

It is not necessary to go into the ramifications of this business, except to say that Mr Bookbinder was not doing anything criminal, nor was he using municipal money for his personal purposes. But one question must be asked: what did he think he was doing when he advised the council to put nearly a third of a million pounds of other people's money into a newspaper that anyone with the smallest understanding of such things would have thought an exceptionally risky venture? No doubt he truly thought the risk worth taking, but, after all, it was not his risk; if it failed, it was not his money that would be – and was – lost.

I am rather glad that Mr Bookbinder lost his case and is stuck with a bill for costs amounting to £120,000, for he may see the point at last. And I have great hopes that he will, because for once the bill must be paid by him and him alone, not by the people who live in – Carman for the last time – the idiotic, pompous, empty, showoff gesture of Derbyshire's nuclear-free zone.

...and moreover

Craig Brown

As I waited to interview the great actor, one of his assistants told me: "Mr De Niro has been delayed. He's just completing a three-year apprenticeship in carpet-fitting for his next role, but he won't be long."

"Isn't his next role a 1930s Chicago mobster?" I asked.

"Yeah, but in one scene the mobster walks on a carpet, and Mr De Niro is *very* insistent that he knows *exactly* how that carpet was laid and fitted. He's a perfectionist, you see."

"I see," I said.

"Y'know, he even insisted on living *exactly as a carpet lives* for a fortnight. Every morning, he would lie down on the floor and we would place chairs and tables on him, and occasionally someone would walk across him. One afternoon, he was hung up on a washing line and the dust was beaten out of him. He says it's given him a lotta sympathy for all carpets, young and old, and he's even set up the De Niro Carpet Care Foundation to help neglected or threadbare carpets come to terms with themselves. That's the kinda guy he is. Sensitive."

Looking around the walls, I noticed photographs of De Niro standing next to carpets to which he had offered new hope. In one of them, De Niro himself was actually applying some stain remover with his own hands.

Tales of such intense involvement did not surprise me. De Niro has become the finest screen actor of the age by embracing Method Acting, the style of acting pioneered at the turn of the century by Mrs Emily Method. In a wide variety of roles, he has shown that he can go right to the heart of an extraordinary range of characters. Whether playing the angry loner Catholic priest in *Mean Streets* (1981), or the angry loner chat-show host in *Nasty Houses* (1983), or the angry loner Vietnam veteran in *Jealous Front Doors* (1987), De Niro is able to inhabit the very soul of each character he plays.

Even in his lighter roles – the angry loner Ralph Rackstraw in Martin Scorsese's *HMS Pinafore* (1982), or the lonely, angry Friar Tuck in Brian DePalma's uncompromising *Massacre in Sherwood Forest* (1985) – he brings to each character a peculiar intensity.

His Hollywood career nearly came to an end before it had even begun. For his very first screen role, as the dead body in Agatha Christie's *Why Didn't They Ask Evans?* (1975), he was determined to inhabit the role by first killing himself. Thankfully, the director talked him out of it for insurance reasons, and De Niro's portrayal of the angry loner dead body went on to win him an Oscar for Best Supporting Corpse.

His next role was as Baron von Trapp in the Peckinpah remake of *The Sound of Music* (1976). He brought to the role a smouldering intensity, illuminating an angry side of the Baron's personality overlooked by previous actors. The final scene – in which the Baron, choking with rage, mows down the entire von Trapp family with a pump-action shotgun as they zip through a rendition of "My Favourite Things" – was soon to become the De Niro hallmark. A bloodbath denouement is now written into every contract.

Certainly, he used it to great effect in the final scene of Scorsese's *Pride and Prejudice* (1980), in which Fitzwilliam Darcy, angry and alone, cries: "Take this, scumbags", before slaughtering the entire Bennett clan, whom he has long suspected of involvement in the notorious drugs syndicate rife in Longbourn and surrounding villages. "De Niro finely captures the latent menace and brutality that lurks behind Jane Austen's pen," wrote one critic.

I was recalling such tributes when in prowled an angry loner dressed in a large soap wrapper marked "Camay". This was De Niro. "He's already easing into his next role," whispered one of his aides. "He's playing a bar of soap in the new Scorsese movie. One helluva *angry* bar of soap. You never seen a bar of soap swing a shotgun like this bar of soap swings a shotgun. The last scene's real great. Blood everywhere. It'll clean up at the box office, no kiddin."

I tried to interview Mr De Niro, but could elicit no answers. "When you ever heard soap speak?" whispered his aide. "Bobby's a perfectionist. For the next two months, he *is* that bar of soap. Squeak, yes; speak, no." By now, De Niro was sliding around the floor, frothing. "Can't you see? You're working him into a lather," whispered his aide, and so out I slipped.



Staying-power precedents

Margaret Thatcher's extraordinary admission that she considered staying in Downing Street as prime minister after losing the party leadership has triggered an equally unprecedented reaction from the Conservative party historian, Lord Blake.

While conceding that she would have been within her constitutional rights to carry on, Blake believes she would have destroyed the party. "It would have been a politically insane act," he says. "The Tory party would have been split down the middle."

If Mrs Thatcher had chosen such a course last November, she would not have been the first occupant of No 10 who was not leader of a party. Lloyd George became prime minister in 1916, after Asquith informed the king that he could no longer lead the government, but Asquith remained leader of the Liberal party until the end of the war. Ramsay MacDonald led a national government for four years from 1931 despite Labour's rejecting it and making George Lansbury leader in his place.

Mrs Thatcher's admission about the party leadership was not the only surprise on the Russian trip from which she has just returned. Her typically forthright views on the Baltic states, and the desirability of Mr Gorbachev's attendance at the Group of Seven summit in London, annoyed (yet again) the Foreign Office.

Within hours of her return from South Africa last week, Mrs Thatcher was given a series of briefings by senior FO officials in preparation for her visit to Russia. Advice was also given by Norman Stone, professor of modern history at Oxford. "I had a few words with her," he says. "I think she did very well."



Red hot TV

In an effort to take poker out of smoke-filled back rooms and into the nation's living rooms, Alan Yentob, head of BBC2, has commissioned a 50-minute documentary on the game as a pilot for a possible series. If the film, based on this month's world poker championship at Las Vegas, is judged a success, seven-card stud will be presented in the style of televised snooker, with a whispered Ted-Lowe-style commentary as the camera peers at the hands over the brooding players' shoulders.

Writer Anthony Holden, who survived for a year as a professional gambler and wrote a book, *Big Deal*, about the experience, went to Las Vegas with the film crew. "I would hope to be involved with the series," says Holden, who was known on the professional circuit as London Tony. "There are a lot of misapprehensions about poker. It is a very skilful game, very good intellectual gymnastics. It is a game played with verve and courage. It would make great television."

Pound of crusts

Staff at the Holland Park open-air theatre will be keeping a wary eye on more than the weather when the 1991 season opens next week with Puccini's *Madam Butterfly*. They will also closely inspect the foliage around the ampitheatre to avoid a rerun of the unexpected climax last year to *The Merchant of Venice*.

As Jimmy Ellis, who played Shylock, was taking a curtain call he was joined on stage by a drunken bag lady who had emerged from behind a hedge. Rising to the occasion, she bowed extravagantly before being yanked away. "She had been sleeping in the bushes and was apparently woken by the applause," says a theatre official.



Unjust deserts

Warfare, it seems, is its own reward. Kuwaiti gratitude for the valiant efforts of our boys in the Gulf has yet to be extended to the 5,000 members of the Naval and Military Club who are readying themselves for battle with their Kuwaiti landlords over a possible rent increase.

The Al Marzook family bought 94 Piccadilly, once home to Lord Palmerston, in 1989. The lease expires in just over four years' time and as yet members of the club – perhaps better known as the In and Out – have no guarantee that the rent will not shoot up. Club officials would like to talk to the Marzooks, but they remain elusive and act through a London agent.

"The club is honoured to have played its role in securing the future of Kuwait twice since the second world war," says the club secretary, Anthony Hickey. "Let us hope the owners are as reasonable with us regarding our future." Should the issue remain unresolved, a shadow will be cast over a reunion dinner at the club next month for the Desert Rats.

Energy to spare

Kenneth Clarke, habitué of Ronnie Scott's jazz club, is not the only minister devoted to popular music. While the cabinet has more than its quota of opera aficionados, 1960s music has a doughty champion in the energy minister, Colin Moynihan.

Moynihan, who has kept his passion a secret from all but his closest aides, could not contain his enthusiasm at a ball at the Grosvenor House Hotel the other evening. As the air filled with the distinctive sounds of Marmalade and the Tremeloes, Moynihan performed a calorie-burning guitar-playing mime. Then he produced an imaginary microphone from his pocket and launched into a mime of his favourite Sixties hit, "Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da".

● *The 80th anniversary tomorrow of the launching of the Titanic from the Harland & Woolfe shipyard in Belfast will be marked by the publication of* A Night to Remember, *the memoirs of Bill MacQuitty, who produced the film of that name starring Kenneth More. MacQuitty has a personal memory of the doomed ship. "As a six-year-old boy I was taken to Belfast docks by my father to watch the launching," he says. "I think that after the impact, the captain should have put the ship into reverse and offloaded the passengers onto the iceberg."*

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NOW FOR THE HARD PART

After months of finger-chewing uncertainty, Nato defence ministers have answered the first question posed by the end of the Soviet Union's European empire, the death of the Warsaw Pact and the reunification of Germany: what now for the strategy and force structure in place since 1949? A "front line" of national units under Nato's integrated command across the heart of Germany was absurd once the half-million eastern European troops in the Warsaw Pact had ceased to be enemies. It will be even more so by 1994, when Soviet withdrawals of another half million men from central and eastern Europe are supposed to be complete.

Nato has agreed to substitute much smaller multinational corps structures held at three differing levels of readiness. The number of foreign troops stationed in Germany will be halved overall and, in the case of the Americans, cut by two-thirds. To the evident satisfaction of the British defence minister, Tom King, Britain will command and supply the core divisions of a new rapid reaction corps of 70,000 to 100,000 men. There will be six main defence corps under different national commands, plus an all-German corps for east Germany.

Gone is the emphasis on standing armies. The new watchwords are mobility, flexibility and "crisis management". But in the task of modernising Nato, this reorganisation of its conventional forces is the easy part. Nato is not to blame for the fuzzy answers to the question, readiness for what crisis? Uncertainty in the Soviet Union inevitably confuses Nato's new dual role of "counterbalancing" the Soviet Union and dealing with "spill-over" violence on Nato's eastern and southern borders.

The conventional threat from the Soviet Union may be largely gone, but that state remains a formidable and unpredictable strategic power. Yesterday's annual survey by the International Institute for Strategic Studies takes a bleak view of the Soviet leadership's commitment to genuine democracy, without which Soviet goodwill towards its neighbours and co-operation with the US are unreliable. Western policy should avoid isolating the Soviet Union, but must accept that it could isolate itself. Nato may exclude eastern Europe but can it, in the interest of western security, avoid extending a protective arm eastward? Helping to train eastern European forces to contain ethnic or nationalist tensions could send a quiet signal to Moscow, without drawing a new front line on the Soviet border. No strategy can cover any new instability to the east, but flexibility must include more detailed contingency planning than has so far taken place.

Above all, Nato has no answer to France's continued and infuriating unilateralism. What price a rapid reaction corps from which France, the only large European nation apart from Britain with the will to commit large forces to battle, stands aloof? This week's Nato meeting was sensible to defer discussion of alternative plans for Europe's defence. The Americans have good reason after the Gulf not to hasten the day when Europe speaks with "one voice" on defence. This voice would at present have to reflect Germany's anti-militarism and France's anti-Americanism. Policies matter more than structures and Europe has a long way to go before resolving the argument over where to centre a chimerical "European defence strategy".

In the long term, France's insistence on an arm's-length association with Nato spells trouble. The proposed military restructuring is going to be anything but cheap, particularly for Britain whose Nato forces will have to be at a higher state of readiness than its partners. Small is beautiful only if better armed and properly equipped. That means much more effective pooling of Nato assets and Nato military production.

If France is not prepared to take co-operation seriously, Europe will remain a dependant in Nato, not the serious and reliable ally America has been seeking ever since President Kennedy first coined the phrase "European pillar" in 1962. That is no longer tolerable to the US Congress. Mr King is now pledged to speedy decision on Britain's future force levels. But without change in French policy, Britain's options are limited. His next trip should be to Paris.

LEADING WITH THE CHIN

The government badly wants a "summer offensive" against Labour, but its decision once again to stick out its chin in the direction of Labour's hardest punch is strange. Yesterday's press conference, at which William Waldegrave and David Mellor attacked Labour's "lies" over the national health service, was a mistake.

If anything in contemporary politics is certain, it is that Labour is seen as having the best policies on health. An NOP poll last week showed that 55 per cent of voters trusted Labour to take the right decisions over the NHS. Only 26 per cent chose the Tories. One day perhaps, if the government's reforms fulfil their begetters' highest hopes, those figures may be reversed. In the meantime, the more the Tories shout about the NHS, the more points will be scored by Labour. Wise Tory tacticians would treat it as no-go territory.

To protest once at hustings "lies" after the Monmouth by-election was forgivable, though shrewd professionals would have made the charge before the polls closed rather than seeming to whinge afterwards. To set out the government's health case quietly and sensibly, as the health secretary did on his television interview at the weekend, was sensible. With only political addicts likely to be watching on a Bank Holiday Sunday, this continued the debate without raising the temperature.

Conservative managers yesterday said they hoped to exhaust health as an issue now, thus making it harder for Labour to revive it come an election. This is asking improbable forebearance of their enemy. Labour is being offered two bites of the same succulent cherry.

The word "lie" should be strictly rationed on the battlefield of politics. It may stir a controversy, if that is what is required. But when the shock effect wears off, a nasty taste remains. And Labour can produce examples where the Conservatives have been no less economical with truth. For instance, yesterday's comparison of cash spending on health per family under Labour with cash spending per family now, with no allowance for inflation, was a statistical lie. The chief secretary to the Treasury should not have allowed himself to use it.

The new Tory tacticians do not seem yet to have the measure of the Opposition. Neil Kinnock has produced an efficient electoral machine. That it failed to win the last election does not make it any less formidable in the next. Labour has new and seductive policies shorn of most of the gaffes of old. It has a plausible shadow cabinet, shrewd advertising and seasoned campaigners in the field, hungry for success.

The Conservative response, after John Major's election as leader, was to present him as a nice man, a unifier, a compromiser, even a social democrat — or whatever the "social market economy" was supposed to imply. When the polls turned sour this spring, this response was felt to be too flaccid. Monmouth stung the party into a more aggressive stance, hence the continued cry of "lies" at yesterday's press conference. Thius merely suggests that after 12 years in office, often without effective opposition, ministers' political reflexes are tired and slow. The wisest tactic for them is to trumpet policies on which they are seen as strong, such as economics, industry, even law and order, rather than to call more attention to their weaknesses.

OPENING EUROPE TO ART

From Cracow come alarming tales of plundering of the art heritage of central and eastern European countries whose officials have gathered this week in the former Polish capital. A Unesco report shows how churches are ransacked by thieves who sell their loot through middlemen to western European collectors. The robbery of four Picassos in Prague this month was the most spectacular of thefts that have highlighted lax security in eastern European galleries. The black market in Russian icons is also flourishing. Export regulations are often no longer enforced.

The sudden disintegration of the state's monopoly of culture was bound to create loopholes for criminals, along with other private entrepreneurs. Recent illegal disposals and thefts of art treasures have not been on anything like the scale practised by Hitler and Stalin, or by their epigones. Even now, thefts may not have exceeded levels common in western Europe.

Smuggling is a fact of life everywhere; the more primitive the art market, the more smuggling there will be. Hence eastern Europe should welcome the arrival of serious and law-abiding dealers and auction houses from western Europe to introduce some order into the methods by which individuals and institutions realise their assets. By rendering the black market in art largely superfluous they can help to prevent the abuses identified by Unesco.

Naturally the market cannot do the work of the authorities, who have a duty, now as before, to prevent the export of a very limited number of genuine national treasures. But they should not prevent western European collectors from investing in eastern European art. Just as the exhibition in western Europe of previously unseen Soviet works, such as the Casimir Malevich retrospective in 1988-9, would have been unthinkable without glasnost, so a pan-European art market could not have existed before 1989. Artists must be free to sell their work across national boundaries.

Until 1933, Berlin was the hub of the art market in central Europe, and it may well be so again. Sotheby's took a bold initiative last year by setting up shop on Unter den Linden, in former East Berlin. Christie's, more conservatively, are basing their operations in West Berlin. In Budapest, too, private dealers and auctioneers have already re-established themselves and the market there is bringing to light modern masters who were unknown in western Europe.

The communion of the two European cultures can only have positive results for contemporary art. The impact of western European art on Soviet artists after a long phase of isolation may have produced a spate of pastiche; but even in the Soviet Union, and certainly further west, the freemasonry of art never quite died out.

The artists of western Europe and America, too, have long craved new sources of inspiration. Reputable London dealers such as Roy Miles, as well as public galleries such as the ICA, have organised shows for living Soviet and eastern European artists. Europe now has the makings of a creative synthesis, as it had before 1914. In eastern as in western Europe, both the art of the past and the art of the future will thrive on a sensitively regulated open market.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cold comfort, but some reassurance, for Lloyd's

From Mr J. H. B. Rew and Mr A. C. L. Sturge

Sir, Chairman Coleridge's answer (May 27) to Bernard Levin's attack (May 24) on Lloyd's was characteristically complacent.

The result that the chairman will be announcing on June 26 will be a profit for the pure 1988 year of approximately £200 million. However, from that have to be deducted losses of about £500 million with respect to old years of account of syndicates that managed to close and a further £250 million loss from those that did not.

This £750 million loss on asbestosis and pollution in the calendar-1990 year means that Lloyd's has lost £2.3 billion on long-term liability business over the last eight years and looks to be set to continue losing money at this sort of rate for the foreseeable future.

This, coupled with the disasters that the chairman enumerated, is going to result overall in Names paying out not far short of £1 billion this year.

Nor is that the end of it. Nineteen eighty-nine was significantly worse in every area except motor and 1990 worse still. It is therefore likely that by the time the 1990 year has been accounted for, in the summer of 1993, most if not all the £3.6 billion profits of the last 23 years referred to by the chairman will have been paid back.

Nor did the membership ever receive all that £3.6 billion. At least £1 billion will have been paid to agents as fees. In any case, it is likely that those profits should never have been paid out as Lloyd's has been, as it still is, seriously under-reserved.

Two appendices in the annual statistics which we produce, *The Lloyd's League Table*, clearly set out the cumulative losses on all Lloyd's syndicates with open years. Mr Levin quotes £750,000 as having been requested from Names writing £30,000 on a particular syndicate — i.e., 25 times over their commitment.

Reference to our book will show that the worst case is £79,000 on a syndicate where Names have a maximum of £10,000. If Mr Levin is referring to the Outhwaite syndicate, where Names may well have had a £30,000 line, the cumulative losses at December 1990 are £168,000, or 5½ times. Some difference from Mr Levin's 25 times!

Nevertheless, as Bernard Levin rightly points out, Lloyd's is in a mess and it needs all the criticism it can get in order to break it out of its smug stupor.

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From Sir Francis Dashwood

Sir, Underwriting at Lloyd's, as all Names are made aware before joining, is high-risk business. Its fortunes vary according to the number and size of worldwide catastrophes. In 1988 the Piper Alpha loss of $1.4 billion landed heavily on Lloyd's, which leads the world in underwriting oil rigs as well as, incidentally, satellites, catastrophes, nuclear explosions, kidnap and ransom, etc. Risky, certainly, but hardly the staid old-fashioned market described by Mr Levin.

Names are consequently facing losses, in some cases very heavy ones, if they participated on excess of loss syndicates such as Feltrim, which make exceptional profits in catastrophe-free years and vice versa.

Lloyd's derives about one third of its premium income from the USA and underwriting results therefore reflect American experience. Nineteen eight-nine witnessed a series of unprecedented natural and man-made catastrophes and US property and casualty insurers suffered the second-worst underwriting loss within living memory. The same insurers lost even more in 1990 and the European market also experienced the worst wind storms ever, costing £5 billion.

Consequently, the six leading UK composite insurance companies have recently announced losses of £776 million. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that Names at Lloyd's are also faced with heavy losses.

Mr Levin calls for the abolition of unlimited liability as a sort of panacea for Names. In its place a central fund would have to be established to provide policy-holders with cover in excess of the Names' fixed limits. I doubt if Names would relish the prospect of making substantial contributions to such a fund at a time when they are facing cash calls, or indeed of Lloyd's evolving into a mutual type of society.

I agree with Mr Levin that reform is needed: the key problems are the escalation of costs, over-manning at all levels and the related loss of market share. But, unlike him, I very much hope that Lloyd's flourishes. It provides jobs directly and indirectly for 70,000, is crucial for attracting insurance and investment to London and is a major contributor to Britain's invisible earnings.

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From Mr A. Doll-Steinberg

Sir, As a Name at Lloyd's — a status one is less and less willing to admit to — what I find most unnerving about the chairman's spirited reply to Bernard Levin are the points in Mr Levin's article which Mr Coleridge does not address.

I leave aside that Mr Coleridge implies that Mr Levin's figure of £150 million loss for the 1988 account is too high, despite the fact that the losses already published for the syndicates making the greatest demands for cash (e.g., Feltrim, Wellington, Gooda Walker) would exceed Mr Levin's figure many times. This is partly because there might just be some other, wildly profitable syndicates that we have not yet heard about and partly because technically not all the losses relate to 1988; although for the Name the only difference he will notice is that no immediate tax relief will be available on the losses he will have to fund.

However, while Mr Coleridge refutes Mr Levin's assumption that Lloyd's might have to pay a mere £2.5 billion as our share of the Savings and Loans mess, he says nothing at all about Mr Levin's figure of $100 billion — admittedly over the next 20 years — in respect of US pollution claims. Is one to assume therefore that the latter estimate is realistic?

The wind storm in 1987 was indeed an unpredictable event, but as Mr Coleridge himself reveals, 1987 itself was a highly profitable year, yielding a record payout (in 1990) of £500 million. For the most part the "long series of natural and man-made disasters" was predictable and should have been catered for by a competent underwriter. Even the existence of asbestosis was known long before the time this began to arise as a Lloyd's problem and should have been catered for by suitable policy wording.

Mr Coleridge also writes that many Lloyd's members have been there long enough to remember 1969. Not too many I fear; most of the 28,000 or so present Names (plus many of the 5,000 or so who have resigned in the last few years) joined after 1975.

Finally Mr Coleridge omits to mention that the declared assets on which he relies of £16 billion at the end of 1990 probably include 28,000 or so private residences, which might prove difficult to liquidate en masse.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr D. H. R. Holland

Sir, As one of his Names, I am surprised that the Chairman of Lloyd's has taken such umbrage at Bernard Levin's justifiable comments.

A few weeks after the October 1987 hurricane he told Names that their share of the cost would be around £500 for an average Name. About a year later he told us that, whilst the Piper Alpha disaster would impact heavily on Lloyd's, reinsurances were in place sufficient to cover our exposure.

I now find that I am faced with losses in the region of £67,000. I am resigning.

Yours faithfully,
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Doubts on role of the Arts Council

From Mr Luke Rittner

Sir, Simon Tait's report, "Arts Council agonises over sub-text of demand for savings" (May 22) and your leader, "The art of devolving" (May 23) make depressing reading. If the Arts Council is upset over its diminishing role and dwindling influence then, as you say, it has only itself to blame.

When Richard Luce's ill thought-out reorganisation of the funding of the arts was announced last year I warned the council and its chairman of the dangers, as I saw them, not only to the council but also to the arts as a whole. The council had every opportunity to object to the proposals and to resist them. It did neither. On the instructions of its chairman, the council accepted them without a murmur.

And now we are told the council is aghast to find it has been weakened to the point of ineffectiveness by accepting every instruction given to it by recent arts ministers. The arm's-length principle has been under strain for some years. When Richard Luce ordered the council to accept his proposals for its reorganisation he effectively signed its death warrant.

With much of its funding devolved to ten new regional bureaucracies (on ministers' instructions), with its staff being cut by nearly one third (on ministers' instructions) and with talk of the national companies seeking direct funding from government, it no longer seems unreasonable to ask whether there is any further need for the Arts Council.

Its sole remaining function is the development of a national arts strategy. What exactly this is no one seems to know. What we do know is that it will cost money to produce and it will keep the civil servants at the Office of Arts and Libraries busy.

It will almost certainly be irrelevant to the majority of arts organisations up and down the country, who have never loved the Arts Council but who may be about to realise what a remarkable institution they are in the process of losing.

Yours faithfully,
LUKE RITTNER
(Secretary General,
Arts Council, 1983-90),
29 Kelso Place, W8.
May 29.

Close encounters

From Dr Frances Rust

Sir, Joe Joseph's light-hearted article on the tango ("Flinch from the clinch", May 22) and his horror at its possible revival does it scant justice. The dance that London enjoyed (or suffered) during the tango craze of 1913-14, with a second boom in the 1920s, did not bear much resemblance to the sensuous, flamboyant and highly erotic original, born in the brothels of Buenos Aires.

Neither does the modern ballroom version, although it is danced to the same, or similar, haunting melodies and retains its sinuous cat-like glide and sensuous "oversways".

"Imitate the sinuous grace of the tiger, mademoiselle", advised the brilliant exhibition dancers, Los Alamanos, when asked for advice in the 1920s.

The years 1913-14 were troubled and ominous. In the 1920s unemployment persisted and the decade ended in the shadow of the great depression. Are we heading for a third tango revival?

Yours faithfully,
FRANCES RUST,
5 Southwood Heights,
29 Southwood Lawn Road, N6.
May 22.

From Ms Judy Martin

Sir, The tango may be a "red light" dance, but Joe Joseph might be interested to learn that in 1913 Gladys Beattie Crozier, author of *The Tango and How to Dance It*, wrote:

Many people find that ten minutes rigorous practice of the Tango twists, dips, and sudden turns after the morning bath form a most enlivening exercise in place of "physical drill", and is doing wonders for their powers of balance.

She didn't specify whether this activity was to be undertaken solo or *à deux*.

I remain yours etc.,
JUDY MARTIN,
20 Powis Mews, W11.
May 22.

Consulate closure

From Lord Moran

Sir, You reported (Parliament, May 22) the support in the House of Lords for my request to the government to reconsider their decision to close the consulate-general in Alberta, Canada. This came from very senior members of all three parties.

Our Japanese, French and German competitors are all maintaining consulates-general in Alberta. Great opportunities exist there for investment and trade, and military training facilities are used by 12,000 British troops each year.

The minister claimed that our interests in Alberta could be protected by visits from our post in Vancouver (500 miles away, across the Rocky Mountains). No one who knows western Canada thinks that this would be effective.

Lord Callaghan pointed out that we are only achieving a trifling economy (£231,000 a year). It would serve us right if the Government of Alberta were to close their office in London and cover the United Kingdom from Bonn or Paris.

Coming on top of the 1985 closure of the career consulate in Halifax, this decision suggests a waning of the government's interest in Canada. If nowadays the Foreign Office is too preoccupied with Europe, perhaps the Home Office could look after the old Commonwealth?

Yours faithfully,
MORAN,
House of Lords.
May 23.

A centre for London

From Mr Charles Williams

Sir, One of the concerns of Labour's proposed Greater London Authority (report and leading article, May 22) would be the regeneration of the capital's inner-city areas. It is a pity, then, that it is planned to be located at County Hall instead of in one of the areas of high unemployment close to central London, where accommodation costs are lower.

If its headquarters were to be in Brixton or Hackney it would have no need of a specially-designed building with a council chamber, as meetings of the full authority could take place in the adjacent town hall.

In such an area members and officers would be made well aware of the challenges they faced, whereas County Hall, sandwiched between the Houses of Parliament and British Rail's spectacular new gateway to Europe, will encourage delusions of grandeur.

Yours faithfully,
C. A. WILLIAMS,
40 Shandon Road, SW4.
May 22.

Nautology?

From Mr James Reynolds

Sir, Can anyone tell me whether Miss Helen Sharman (report and photograph, May 28) is an astronaut or a cosmonaut?

Yours sincerely,
JAMES REYNOLDS,
6 Prince Arthur Road, NW3.
May 28.

Aerial warfare

From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, This country is apparently committed (report, May 16) to spending some £2 billion towards developing the new European fighter aircraft (EFA).

In the Gulf war the enemy air offensive was limited to the use of long-range missiles (Scuds) most of which were successfully intercepted and destroyed by defensive missiles (Patriots). As far as is known our own bomber (Tornado) losses were caused by missiles.

Would it not make sense to cancel the EFA programme and to devote the funds thereby released to improving the performance of our missile systems?

Yours truly,
JOHN F. MARTIN,
57 Tycehurst Hill, Loughton, Essex.

Wished-for take-away

From Mrs J. M. Richardson

Sir, Could not BR introduce "no-eating" carriages? On the 20.21 Victoria to Littlehampton train last week I sat next to a hamburger and opposite a pizza, which was then joined by a "curried jacket".

Although hungry after a day's teaching, followed by two hours' rehearsal with the Bach Choir, my appetite diminished with rapidity.

Yours faithfully,
JENNIFER M. RICHARDSON,
9 Greenview Avenue,
Shirley, Croydon, Surrey.
May 19.

A view of St Paul's

From Mr Michael Farr

Sir, The coloured drawing of Paternoster Square which you published (May 24) and so aptly captioned as being "filled with little temples" cannot surely be seriously intended as a worthwhile contribution to architecture in the City of London. The jumble of buildings, all of them various essays in classical styles, appears either to be torn from the sketchbooks of students in a late-19th century architectural school or structures waiting in the wings of an imaginary Disneyland.

I am glad that Mr Peter Rees, the City planner, is reported as saying that the Classical design made his "flesh creep". That is a sign of hope. But is that enough in the face of so many architects who have created the scheme?

Just because it has taken a long time to reach this eclectic débâcle is no reason to stop praying for something which fits the site in townscape terms and effectively evokes what a modern city is all about. I hope it is still too early to say "amen" to all that.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL FARR,
2 Splash Point, Cliff Road,
Seaford, Sussex.
May 26.

From Mr Simon Gordon

Sir, I worked for two years in one of the rabbit hutches at Paternoster Square and had to trek daily across the concrete expanse of the piazza to a dull and boring cubicle in a maze of dark passages. No one in the building or the area liked it or approved of it, yet we all had to put up with it.

I rejoice that Prince Charles has managed to say what we have all been thinking but, to our shame, have been too wrapped up in our own lives to do anything about.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON GORDON,
2 Old House Close,
Church Road, Wimbledon. SW19.
May 24.

From Mr Gavin Stamp

Sir, My article in today's *Times*, as printed, suggests that I am an admirer of the Classical architecture proposed for Paternoster Square. *I am not.*

I originally wrote that the designs were "of remarkable elaboration *and pretentiousness*" and that "the trouble is that our New Classicists try too hard and cannot bear to leave anything out", for they will not learn from real "progressive Classicists" like Lutyens and McMorran. I also praised poor Holford for standing out against the mania for open spaces and axial vistas represented by the Classical and terrible Royal Academy plan for St Paul's.

Most important, I argued that the Paternoster designs were in the City tradition of *second-rate* Classical buildings but that they deserved to be built because the plan is good and will achieve a proper setting for St Paul's.

Yours sincerely,
GAVIN STAMP,
1 Moray Place,
Strathbungo, Glasgow 41.
May 24.

From Mr M. I. Gee

Sir, Would not your attractive drawing showing the "Classical compromise" have been even better had the bystanders been shown wearing togas?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL GEE,
6 Cenacle Close,
West Heath Road, NW3.
May 24.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: His Excellency Dr L M Singhvi was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for India in London.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the High Commission: Shri Salman Haidar (Deputy High Commissioner), Shri Ranjan Roychaudhuri (Minister), Shri Madan Bezbaruah (Minister), Shri Prabhat Shukla (Counsellor), Shri Talmiz Ahmed (Counsellor), Brigadier Bhupal Malik (Military Adviser), Commodore Balchandra Karpe (Naval Adviser) and Air Commodore Vinod Patney (Air Adviser).

Shrimati Singhvi was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir Patrick Wright (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Robin McLaren was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Peking.

Mrs McLaren was received by The Queen.

Mr Justice May was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, visited Edinburgh University and was received by Sir David Smith (Principal of the University).

His Royal Highness attended the Cutlers' Feast at the Cutlers' Hall, Sheffield and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Neill).

Lieutenant-Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a presentation and dinner in support of the Award in St James's Palace.

Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 29: This afternoon The Princess Royal opened the St Bernard's Club for Edinburgh and Leith Old People's Welfare Council at Stockbridge House, Cheyne Street, Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon The Lord Provost).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited Scott Officer Knitwear, Murieston Crescent Lane, Dalry, Edinburgh.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10 Buckingham Gate, London, SW1.

His Royal Highness, Patron, SANE – Schizophrenia A National Emergency, launched the SANE appeal for an international schizophrenia research unit and the first national helpline (SANELINE) at the Savoy Hotel, London.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President, Mary Rose Trust, attended a dinner held by the London Court of the Mary Rose at the Queen's House, Greenwich.

Commander Alistair Watson, RN was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, President, Barnardo's, attended the film premiere of *Where Angels Fear to Tread* at the Odeon, Leicester Square, London WC2.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Squadron Leader David Barton, RAF were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 29: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, this morning attended a Service of Thanksgiving at the Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot.

Her Royal Highness later attended a Reception and Luncheon at the QARANC Training Centre, The Royal Pavilion, Aldershot.

The Lady Glenconner and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 29: The Duke of Kent today visited the Suffolk Show, Bucklesham Road, Ipswich and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir Joshua Rowley, Bt).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 29: Princess Alexandra this morning named the new Shoreham Harbour lifeboat for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution at Shoreham, West Sussex.

Her Royal Highness was received by Major General J.C. Cowley (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex).

This afternoon Princess Alexandra opened the new Day Centre for the Worthing and District Association for Mental Health at Durrington, West Sussex.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Barnsley Metrodome, South Yorkshire, at 9.55; visit Hesley Wood Scout camp at 10.55; open Sheffield Arena at 11.30; attend a luncheon in Sheffield Town Hall at 12.15; visit Clifton Park, Rotherham, at 2.25; and attend a reception at Doncaster Mansion House at 3.15.

The Duke of Edinburgh will deliver the 1991 Leadership lecture at the Manchester Business School at 6.00.

The Prince of Wales will visit the site of Garden Festival Wales at Ebbw Vale at 11.15; and will vist the National Rivers Authority Cynrig Salmon Hatchery, Llanfrynach, Brecon, at 2.40.

The Princess Royal will open the Visitors' Centre at the Oban Distillery, Stafford Street, Oban, at 10.30; will visit the quarry development at Glensanda, Morvern, at 1.30; and will open the Tiree Activity Centre, Hynish, Isle of Tiree, at 3.15.

Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Architects Benevolent Society, will attend a council meeting and reception at 66 Portland Place at 2.25.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the Association for all Speech Impaired Children, will attend the second international symposium at the Harrogate International Conference Centre at 1.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the UK Committee of the United Nation's Children's Fund, will attend a concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.30.

University news

Oxford

The following prizes have been awarded:

Junior Paget Toynbee Prizes: Adrian Armstrong, St John's College; Jennifer Barns, Magdalen College; Jane Saunders, Pembroke College.

The Cecil Roth Memorial Prize for 1991: Miss Lucy E Jenkins, The Queen's College.

L. J. Wills Prize in Haematology or Gastroenterology: Ian Tomlinson, University College.

John Pearce Memorial Prizes in Surgery 1991: Anne Lingford-Hughes, St Hugh's College; Ian Mills, Merton College; Siobhan Smart, Magdalen College; David Verity, St Peter's College; Esther Winter, The Queens College.

Sir Roger Newdigate's Prize for English Verse 1991: The examiners have announced that they are unable to make an award.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr N.G. Brown
and Miss B. Lam
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Brown, of Burchetts Green, Maidenhead, Berkshire, and Bernardine, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F. Lam, of Happy Valley, Hong Kong.

Mr D.C.B. Chancellor
and Miss S.J.I. Calvert
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Antony Chancellor, of Cheddon Corner, Cheddon Fitzpaine, Taunton, Somerset, and Susanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Calvert, of Broomfields, Frensham, Surrey.

Mr G.H. Cowley
and Miss R.M. Weatherby
The engagement is announced between Giles, younger son of the Rev Charles Cowley and the late Mrs Felicity Cowley, of Aldringham, Suffolk, and Rebecca, daughter of Mrs Caroline Weatherby and the late Mr Simon Weatherby, of Brailes, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.F. Limb
and Miss A.E. Fentem
The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of Mrs Yvonne Limb and the late Anthony Limb, of Colinton, Edinburgh, and Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Leonard Fentem, of Quadring, Lincolnshire.

Mr T.P. Loughton
Miss E.J. MacLauchlan
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of the Rev Michael Loughton, of Alfriston, Sussex, and Mrs Pamela Loughton, of Eastbourne, Sussex, and Elizabeth (Liza), elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John MacLauchlan, of Neupont, Belgium.

Mr N.J. MacNaughton
and Miss G. Turnbull
The engagement is announced between Neil John, younger son of Mr and Mrs R.M. MacNaughton, of Edinburgh, and Gwen, daughter of Rev W.A. and Mrs Turnbull, of Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Mr B.B. St C. Munro
and Miss S.J. Ladovici
The engagement is announced between Bruce B. St C. Munro, youngest son of Mr Brian St C. Munro, of Salcombe, Devon, and Mrs Judith MacRae, of Felsted, Essex, and Serena Jane, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Ludovici, of East Woodhay, Hampshire.

Mr J.W.R. Spickernell
and Lady Rachel Petty Fitzmaurice
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Richard Spickernell, of Binckknoll House, Wiltshire, and Rachel, younger daughter of the Earl of Shelburne and Frances Countess of Shelburne.

Marriages

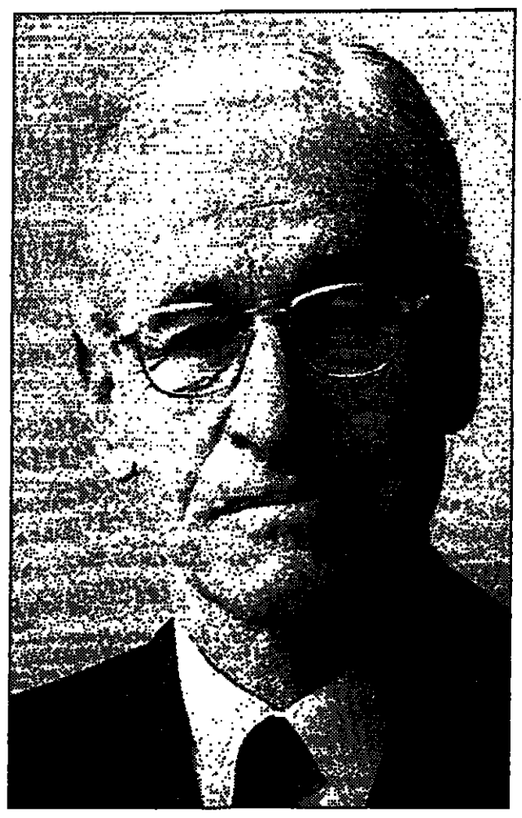
Mr R.L. Davey
and Miss C.E. St Leger
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 18, at St Mary the Virgin, Throwleigh, Devon, of Mr Roger Davey, son of Mr and Mrs R.G. Foster-Davey, of Fowey, Cornwall, and Miss Caroline St Leger, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A.C. St Leger, of Throwleigh, Devon.

Mr S. Lawton
and Miss V.A. Lawton
The marriage took place in York, on May 17, 1991, of Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Lawton, of Winnick, Cheshire, and Victoria Ann, younger daughter of Mr Louis D. Lawton, QC, and Mrs Helen M. Lawton, of York.

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR PHILLIPS

Arthur Phillips, OBE, emeritus professor of English Law at the University of Southampton, died on May 16 aged 83. He was born on May 29, 1907.



AFTER a distinguished career as a colonial administrator in Africa, of whose social customs he was also a considerable scholar, Arthur Phillips went to Southampton to be its first professor of law and dean of a new law faculty in 1956. There he immediately set about the task of establishing what in the language of later years would be called a centre of excellence. He did it by an inspired variety of indirect rule. A scholar of an older generation himself, he drew around him a group of new men and women and by deftly encouraging them in the right direction, while never interfering with what they did, he inspired a range of lively and radical ideas. After 11 years he left and betook himself to other matters, leaving an interesting and active department, respected for its teaching, its research and its graduates.

Arthur Phillips was a Greats man but when he came down from Trinity College, Oxford, he took to the law. He was called to the Bar in the Middle Temple and practised for a while. Then Africa called. In 1931 he joined the colonial service and went to Kenya as a district officer. His legal training was soon officially exploited and he served successively as resident magistrate, crown counsel, solicitor general and, later, judicial adviser.

When the second world war broke out he was a member of the Kenya Legislative Council. He joined the Kenya Regiment and for a brief period, as he was wont to point out later, he was properly addressed as "Private the Hon Arthur Phillips". That sort of oddity always delighted him.

Those who knew him later were often surprised to discover the varied life he had led. Once when a university colleague idly used, in connection with some committee, Acton's somewhat hackneyed dictum about absolute power tending to corrupt absolutely, he gently observed that he was possibly the only man present who had ever exercised absolute power. Towards the end of the war he was dispatched, equipped with a Union Jack and a box of gold sovereigns, to govern an enormous area in East Africa, which had been recently vacated by the Italians, until a proper administration could be established. It is said that he raised an army locally which he swore to the allegiance of the King. Those who knew him were sure that he ruled there as he ruled everywhere else: calmly, firmly and with strict adherence to old-fashioned liberal principles.

After the war he published his *Report on Native Tribunals (Kenya)*, which established him as an expert on African law. Invalided from the service in 1947, he returned to legal practice in London and on the Western Circuit. His scholarship was quickly recognised, however, and in 1949 he took up a readership at the London School of Economics. There he directed and edited (as well as being part author of) the massive *Survey of African Marriage and Family Life*, which was published in 1953.

Philips loved Hampshire and was deeply established in the county. When he gave up his university post at Southampton in 1967 his life was fully occupied. He was a judge, being deputy chairman of Quarter Sessions for the county, later a Recorder of the Crown Court, and held many chairmanships and quasi-judicial positions. He was an active member of the Church of England and there, too, used his legal and judicial skills, being chancellor of the diocese of Winchester as well as counsellor to the Dean and Chapter. As ever, he joined his practical and his academic interests by writing the section on ecclesiastical law in *Halsbury's Laws of England*.

He leaves his widow, Kathleen, and their two sons and two daughters.

JEAN LANGLAIS

Jean Langlais, blind French organist, composer and teacher, died in Paris on May 8 aged 84. he was born on February 15, 1907.

BORN at La Fontenelle, Brittany, into a family of stonecutters, Jean Langlais might well have continued their artisan tradition had he not lost his sight at the age of two. This changed the direction of his education so that at ten he was sent to the Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles in Paris, which was famous for specialised musical training. Among his teachers were pupils and colleagues of César Franck (who had himself taught there). After initial studies on the violin Langlais progressed to the complexities of the organ under the masterful tuition of the blind virtuoso organist André Marchal.

Langlais then entered the Conservatoire de Paris as a pupil of Noël Gallon and Marcel Dupré for counterpoint and organ, from 1934 studying composition with Paul Dukas. Like his friend Olivier Messiaen Langlais was awarded prizes in each discipline. At the same time he was taught improvisation by Charles Tournemire until 1939.

He made his début as organist at Montrouge and in 1945 succeeded Tournemire as organiste titulaire du Grand Orgue de la Basilique Sainte Clotilde, Paris. This direct line of succession back to Franck of famous organist/composers is linked to the inspiring instrument built there by Aristide Cavaillé-Coll. This nourished the creative impulse of Franck who composed his magnificent organ works over the last three decades of his life. For a short time Franck was followed by Gabriel Pierné and then – for over 40 years – Tournemire.

The tradition was not only of fine performance and composition but also that of the subtle and exacting art of improvisation. Langlais was therefore both ideally gifted and trained to be offered this important Parisian position, which he held until his retirement in 1988.

He composed prolifically throughout his life. There are over 300 works of many types – choral, solo vocal, chamber music, many solo organ works and works for organ and other instruments. The technical range is from the most virtuoso to the deceptively simple. His musical langnage never lost the feeling of modality, influenced both by sacred plainsong and polyphony and by French folksong. Several compositions reveal his interest in past composers with pieces either titled or subtitled "Hommage à – ": Frescobaldi (a fine organ Suite dedicated to Dupré), Landino, Rameau and John Stanley. He wrote an *essai* in serial technique and explored the musical traditions of other countries as he toured, always in demand as an exceptional performer.

Langlais's recordings included the complete works of Franck at Sainte Clotilde, where the instrument had been modernised and enlarged. Overseas, his programmes emphasised the rich field of French organ literature as well as his own works. He made numerous tours in America, where he had a large enthusiastic following, and many pupils went to study with him on tour and in Paris.

Teaching was always of great importance to him and he encouraged young talent through his great gift of communication. He taught from 1930 to 1968 at the Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles and from 1961 to 1976 at the Scola Cantorum.

He received honorary doctorates from the Christian University, Texas (1975), Duquesne University (1976) and the Catholic University of America (1982). He was an Officier de la Légion d'Honneur, Officier des Palmes Académiques and Chevalier de l'Ordre de Saint Gregoire le Grand. In 1987 his many British admirers took special pleasure when he received an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Organists.

Jean Langlais married firstly Jeanne Sartre (deceased, one son) and secondly Marie-Louise Jaquet.

ADMIRAL SIR PETER STANFORD

Admiral Sir Peter (Maxwell) Stanford, GCB, LVO, a former commander-in-chief, Naval Home Command, Portsmouth, died on May 22, aged 61. He was born on July 11, 1929.

PETER Stanford had the unsought distinction of being the last vice-chief of the naval staff. From 1982 until 1985 he guided the fleet through the period of re-equipment and retrenchment which followed the Falklands conflict, then bowed out when the post was abolished by Michael Heseltine who, as secretary of state, reshaped the Ministry of Defence's pyramid of power. Along with the other extinct service vice-chiefs Stanford held a wake at Admiralty House before leaving for Portsmouth and his last command.

This final post, however, was a disappointment to Stanford who regarded it as something of a backwater. He had just completed five years at the ministry, the first two in charge of operational requirements during a difficult period for the navy. One of his responsibilities was to develop the next generation of frigates (primarily the Type-23) at a time when the new secretary of state, John Nott, was planning deep cuts in the surface fleet. The success of the Type-23 concept – an affordable straightforward design – owed much to Stanford's patient stewardship.

He came from an impeccable service background. Born in Simla, the son of a brigadier, he joined the Royal Naval College in 1943 when the college had been evacuated to Chester. As a sub-lieutenant he served in the Korean War, in the cruiser *Kenya*. Tall and imposing, he was chosen in 1969 to be second-in-command of the royal yacht, in time for a visit to Australia and for the Prince of Wales's investiture at Caernarfon. He was made a Lieutenant of the Victorian Order by the Queen.

He was a brilliant communications specialist who passed out top of his signals training course. He later taught at the signals school HMS *Mercury* – an unusual lay-by for a future four-star admiral. But Stanford's promotion to captain after leaving the royal yacht led him into a series of powerful appointments which moved him inexorably towards the top.

The most notable was that of secretary to the chiefs of staff committee, 1975-79, at a time when the defence secretary, Roy Mason, was conducting a major defence review. Apart from two years as flag officer with the 2nd flotilla he spent most of his remaining career in Whitehall. It was there that he was happiest, embroiled in staff work. In command posts he was hampered by his personality. A quiet, intensely private individual, he often failed to establish a rapport with his subordinates. But he thought deeply and widely about strategy and believed passionately in the need for balanced forces. Politically aware, he thought the Soviet threat exaggerated and foretold the collapse of communism in Europe.

He was regarded by some contemporaries as having the sharpest intellect of his generation in the navy. He wrote regularly for the *Naval Review* and recently won a $1000 award with an article for the *US Naval Institute Proceedings*. He was fluent in French and lectured in the language. When out of Whitehall he was happiest in the country. He was a keen horseman until hurt in a motor accident several years ago, was a good shot all his life and an expert fly fisherman.

He is survived by his wife, Ann, whom he married in 1957, one son and two daughters.



HAROLD SALISBURY

Mark Andrew writes:

HAROLD Salisbury (obituary, May 13) must also be remembered as probably the first "green" chief constable. His concern for the environment and his excellence in amateur film making were combined by the production of a campaigning film for the Yorkshire Keep Britain Tidy Group of which he was an active committee member.

In 1969 he took part in the European Conservation Year Conference I organised in Leeds and his paper "Litter and the Law" was widely published and often quoted as the authoritative word on this aspect of protecting our environment.

Today, 22 years later, we still need to take seriously the final paragraph of that paper: "For years now, 50,000 acres of this country have been disappearing under bricks, mortar and roads. It is an alarming prospect and only education, inspiration and inducement can bring about improvement and make the world a reasonable place in which to live".

Salisbury deserves all our thanks for his inspiration in this task.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Samuel Spalding, philosopher, London, 1807; Mikhail Bakunin, anarchist, Premukhine, Russia, 1814; Alfred Austin, poet laureate 1896-1913, Leeds, 1835; Peter Carl Fabergé, goldsmith, Leningrad, 1846; Alexander Archipenko, sculptor, Kiev, 1887; Benny Goodman, clarinettist, Chicago, 1909.

DEATHS: Saint Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake, Rouen, 1431; Christopher Marlowe, London, 1593; Sir Peter Paul Rubens, painter, Antwerp, 1640; Alexander Pope, London, 1744; François Boucher, painter, Paris, 1770; Voltaire, Paris, 1778; Thomas Chalmers, first Moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, Edinburgh, 1847; Wilbur Wright, pioneer of aviation, Dayton, Ohio, 1912; Hermann Broch, writer, New Haven, Connecticut, 1951; Boris Pasternak, novelist, Nobel laureate 1958, Peredelkino, Russia, 1960; Roy Plomley, creator of *Desert Island Discs*, 1985.

Birthdays today

Mr W.P. Cleland, thoracic surgeon, 79; Mr Ray Cooney, theatrical producer, 59; the Marquess of Ely, 78; Mr Fredy Fisher, company director, 69; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, 71; Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, 70; Professor Seton Lloyd, archaeologist, 89; Dr John Marks, former chairman, British Medical Association, 66; Mr A.R. Moore, diplomat, 73; Lord Richard, QC, 59; Mr Rowland Sanders, lawyer, 95; Mr Julian Symons, author, 79; Mr Phillip Whitehead, chairman, Consumers' Association, 54; Mr Bob Willis, cricketer, 42; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Corda International, 65; Lord Zuckerman, OM, 87.

Memorial service

Sir Thomas Robson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Thomas Robson was held yesterday at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street. The Rev John H. McIndoe and the Rev W.A. Cairns officiated. Mr Stuart Steele read the lesson and Mr Martin Harris and the Very Rev Dr J. Fraser McLuskey gave addresses.

Archaeology

Researchers confirm Roman account of fall of Carthage

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

UNDERWATER archaeologists working at Carthage have found clues to the fall of the city to the Romans in 146 BC. The remains of a causeway built into the harbour so that the Roman general Scipio could cut off supplies to Carthage give credence to the historical accounts of the siege.

The fall of Carthage ended the Punic Wars, when the fledgling Roman republic was pitted against the rich mercantile city just north of modern Tunis. Carthage had been founded by Phoenicians from the Levant early in the first millennium BC, and had become the most powerful city in a network of trading colonies that stretched as far west as Gades, modern Cadiz, on the west coast of Spain.

The Roman account of Scipio's long siege and eventual victory forms part of Appian's *Roman History*, and is rich in circumstantial detail, including an accurate description of the twin harbours of Carthage, one circular and the other rectangular, which were excavated some years ago by a British team.

The veracity of the sequence of events, however, has hitherto remained unproven. The new evidence comes from survey data and sediment cores collected by Dr John Gifford, a research fellow at Boston university and a specialist in underwater archaeology. The data show that a shallow lagoon was modified to form the harbour complex, and that just to the south a massive stone construction projects from the shore across a stretch of relatively shallow water towards the port.

Appian reported that Scipio had cut off Carthage's land access, leaving the city supplied only by blockade runners, "ships of Bithya and an occasional merchant whom the love of gain made reckless of danger", who could outdistance the watching Roman galleys. "When Scipio perceived this he planned to close the entrance to the harbour... for this purpose he carried a strong embankment into the sea, beginning from the strip of land which lay between the lake and sea, and advancing it seawards straight towards the harbour's mouth."

Dr Gifford's research so far confirms a structure matching Appian's description "of numerous heavy stones so that it might not be washed away by the waves", but his precise dimensions of the causeway, 96ft broad at the base and 24ft at the top, have yet to be confirmed.

What is clear, from aerial photographs and survey on land, is that Appian's description of the Carthaginian response is also accurate: they "began to excavate another entrance on the other side of the harbour facing the open sea, where it was impossible to carry an embankment on account of the depth of the water and the fury of the wind... Finally, everything being finished, the Carthaginians opened the new entrance about dawn, and passed out with 50 triremes."

As every schoolchild knows, the day of reckoning was only briefly postponed: the Romans stormed the city, cutting their way from house to house until they reached the acropolis at Byrsa.

Carthage was destroyed (though not, as recent legend has it, sown with salt to sterilise the site). Scipio was given the landatory name of "Africanus" by which history knows him. The evidence of archaeology has vindicated both the plausibility of his strategy and Appian's account of it.

Church of Scotland

INDUCTION
The Rev Maurice S Hood to Downfield South, Dundee.

ORDINATION AND INDUCTION
The Rev James Greir, Associate Minister to Strath and Sleat.

TRANSLATIONS
The Rev Alexander B Douglas from Kingcase, Prestwick to Blackhall St Columba, Edinburgh.
The Rev Norman McAskill from MacAinsh, Lochgelly to Kingussie.
The Rev Keith W Ross from Dalmellington, Ayr to Toryglen, Glasgow.
The Rev Keith M Steven from Claremont, East Kilbride to Associate minister, Renfield St Stephen's Glasgow.
The Rev Ian G Wotherspoon from Portobello Old & Windsor Place, Edinburgh to St Michael's linked with Greenlaw, Gordon.

RETIREMENTS
The Rev Joseph Brown from Linton linked with Morebattle and Howman.
The Rev Ian G Grainger from Maxton linked with Newton.
The Rev David Hogg from St Andrew's East, Glasgow.
The Rev Iain Paul from Craigneuk, Wishaw.

Dinners

Insurers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended a dinner of the Insurers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Ronald Bishop, Master, was the host. Among others present were: Sir Kenneth Cork, the Chairman of Lloyd's, the President of the Chartered Insurance Institute, the Masters of the Coopers', Chartered Surveyors' and Actuaries' Companies and the Officers Commanding C Squadron Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry and the 265 (KSLY) Signal Squadron and their ladies.

Royal Stuart Society
The Duchess of St Albans presided at the annual Restoration Day dinner of the Royal Stuart Society held last night at Brown's Hotel. The Earl of Burford, Dr Ronald Hutton and Mr Hugo Vickers also spoke.

Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators
Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, was the guest of honour at the annual livery dinner of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. He was received by Mr David R. Mauleverer, Master, and Captain Michael Bannister, Mr King, the Master and Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine were the speakers. The Masters of the Fletchers', Joiners' and Ceilers' and Pavlors' Companies were among others present.

Luncheon

Carlton Club
Mr Simon Jenkins, Editor of *The Times*, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir William van Straubenzee, chairman of the committee, presided and Mr Thomas Whipham also spoke.

Service Dinner

The King's Own Scottish Borderers
Brigadier C.G. Mattingley, The Colonel of The King's Own Scottish Borderers, presided at the Officers Club dinner held at the Ednam House Hotel, Kelso, on Saturday evening.

Appointments

The Right Rev James Thompson, Area Bishop of Stepney, diocese London, has been appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells, succeeding the Most Rev and Right Hon George Carey.

Other appointments

The following to be Recorders assigned to the Midland and Oxford Circuit:
Mr Richard Benson, Mr Donald Hamilton, Mr William Kingston, Mr David Pugsley, Mr John Reeder, QC, Mr Reginald Rubery, Mr Colman Treacy, QC, Mr Jonathan Woods.

Mr John Harvey Polmear Roberts to be a Circuit Judge assigned to the South Eastern circuit.

Cranleigh School

Scholarships for 1991 have been awarded to the following (in order of merit):

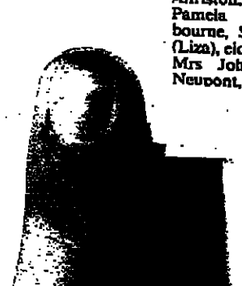
Sixth Form Awards: Sarah R. Squire (Godolphin & Latymer School), Sarah J. Jarmin (Guildford High School).
Sixth Form Music: Caroline A. Vay (Manor House School), Jennifer F. Lake (St Alban's High School), Helen J. Cooper (Rectory School, Hampton).
Fourth Form Awards: P.N. Manty (Cranleigh Preparatory School), R.M. Little (Cranleigh Preparatory School), A.C. Dabbons (Cranleigh Preparatory School), C.J.R. Chapman (Hazelmere Preparatory School), T.R. Irvine (Cranleigh Preparatory School), R.T. Hill (Belmont), C.E. Keppie (Cranleigh Preparatory School), D.C. Carter-Clout (Oxside School), F.A.S. Edenborough (Dames Hill), H.M.T. Bokenham (Bramblebrc), H.M.G. Arnold (Pennthorpe), Exhibitions: S.D.C. Mackey (Craig Ballard), S.P.F. Clarke (Highfield School).
Fourth Form Art: A.J. Simpson (Edinburgh House).
Fourth Form Music: T.A. Hedley (The Pilgrims' School), C.F. Annis (Westbourne House).
Junior Scholarships: T.D. Vaughan (Sythwood Middle School, Woking).

Fund for painting

Parishioners are trying to raise £22,000 to save a medieval doom board, one of only five left in the country, which is in danger of rotting away at the back of St James the Great in Dauntsey, Wiltshire. The painting depicts a thirteenth century view of heaven and hell.

Service luncheon

Light Infantry
Officers of the Light Infantry held a luncheon yesterday at the Royal Bath and West of England Society showground. Dom Aidan Bellenger, Headmaster of Downside School, and Brigadier Bruce Jackman, Commander of the 43rd Infantry Brigade, were among the guests.



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ADMIRAL SIR PE... STANFORD

Who can tell all the great things God has done? Who can praise him enough. Psalm 106:2 GNB

BIRTHS

BETTS - On May 27th, to Hannah (née Tustain) and Andrew, a son, Thomas Matthew Rayner, a brother for William and Alice.

CAIGER-SMITH - On May 27th, to Jane (née Bennett) and Nicholas, a son, a brother for Danica and William.

CALVERT - On May 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Harriet and James, a son - Stefan James.

CHAMPION - On May 23rd, to Heather (née Brown) and Lawrence, a daughter, Joanna Margaret, a sister for Nicholas.

CHRISTOPHERSON - On May 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Susie (née Turner) and James, a daughter, Laura Emma.

FORD - On May 26th 1991, to Charlotta (née Marsh) and Simon, a daughter, Miranda.

GILBY - On May 21st 1991, to Susan (née James) and Edward, a son, Thomas Eliot.

HEATH - On May 23rd, at St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Angela (née Sheppy) and David, a son, Nicholas.

HOADLEY - On May 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sue and Brook, a daughter, Alexandra Kate.

JAQUES - On May 14th, at Gloucester Royal Hospital, to Sophie Kathryn (née Burrows) & Rodrick David, a daughter, Laura Frances, a sister for Nicholas.

JONAS - On May 25th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Andrew and Anna, a son, Andrew Ian.

KEMP - On Sunday May 26th 1991, at 8.05 am, Northern West Chester Hospital, New York, to Cinia and Steve, a son, Jordan Anthony.

MOLLOY - On May 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Maria Dolores (née Fritzsche) and David, a son, Alexander Vincent.

NEWMAN - On May 21st, at The Portland Hospital, to Jeanette (née Loach) and Richard, a daughter, Christina Anne.

SANDERS - On May 26th, to Mark and Susie, a son.

SHEPHERD-BARRON - On May 23rd 1991, to Joanna (née Marlow) and Andrew, a son, William George Murray.

WICKS - On May 28th 1991, to Jane (née Gregory) and David, a son, Toby Edward.

MARRIAGES

REID:PEARS - On May 29th, Kenneth Reid to Mary Pears, quietly in Richmond-upon-Thames. There will be a celebration for friends later in the summer.

DEATHS

AMERY - On Monday May 27th 1991, at home in London, Lady Catherine, wife of Rt. Hon. Julian Amery, M.P. and mother of Leo, Louise, Tessa and Elizabeth. Funeral service private, burial at Lustleigh, Devonshire. A Memorial Service will be announced later.

ANDREW - On May 28th 1991, peacefully at Twickenham, Kenneth Annesley Wynne, beloved husband of the late Mollie, father of Michael and John and much adored grandfather of Lucy, Nicholas and Rory. Funeral June 4th, flowers and enquiries to T.H. Sanders, Whitton, Middlesex.

BANK-ANTHONY - On May 26th, at his home in Lagos, Sir Mobolaji Bank-Anthony, K.B.E. Funeral Lagos, June 1st. R.I.P.

BRITTON - On May 24th, peacefully at his home in Dulwich, Major Frank Swinstead Britton M.B.E., husband and best friend of Kathleen, loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Honor Oak Crematorium 12 noon Wednesday June 5th 1991. Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Royal Star and Garter Home, Richmond, Surrey.

BROWN - On May 28th, peacefully in hospital, William, loved father of Jennifer and David. Funeral, Tuesday June 4th at Enfield Crematorium at 10 am. Family flowers only, donations in memory to R.S.P.B.

BUTLER-STONEY - On May 26th, unexpectedly at the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Charles, husband of Mary, father of Peter and Lu Lu. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Nether Wallop, on Monday June 3rd at 12 noon.

COOKE - On May 28th, in Montgomery, Reg, beloved husband and father, grandfather and stepfather. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Montgomery, on June 5th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St Nicholas Church or the R.N.L.I. Enquiries to C.D. Crowe Funeral Directors, Garthmyl, Montgomery. tel: (0686) 640385.

COPE - On May 22nd 1991, Jack, mourned by his sons Michael and Raymond. All relatives and friends welcome to attend wake on Sunday June 2nd at 11.30am. All enquiries to (071) 435-2978.

DENNER - On May 25th, at West Park Hospital, Ivy, aged 82, Widow of Percy James and much loved mother and grandmother. Cremation at North East Surrey Crematorium, Lower Morden Lane, Morden, on Monday June 3rd at 3 pm. Family flowers only, donations to Elderly Care Unit, West Park Hospital, Horton Lane, Epsom.

DE VRIES-STOKES - On May 26th, peacefully after a long illness, borne with courage and with loving care at Tadworth Grove Nursing Home, Tadworth, Surrey, Helen Annie (née Stokes) of Sydney and Lower Kingswood will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Funeral on Friday May 31st, 10.50 am at Leatherhead Crematorium.

DRAKEFORD - On May 28th 1991, peacefully at home, David Alan has joined Mollie, after an illness borne with courage, faith and a sense of humour. A devoted and loving father to Sally, Jeremy and Andrew and a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Nursing support in the last weeks so much appreciated. Funeral Service at 3 pm on Tuesday June 4th at St Nicholas Church, Compton, near Guildford, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Small donations, if wished, to the Marie Curie Cancer Care c/o Funeral Directors, J. Corringe & Son, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey tel: 0483-426478).

FIELD - On May 24th, suddenly in hospital, John Hubert Field, beloved husband of Elsie and dear father of Susan, Anne and Robert and loving grandfather. Cremation service at noon Friday 31st May at Amersham Crematorium. No flowers please, but donations if desired to RNLI, West Quay Road, Poole.

FRASER - On May 24th 1991, John Mitchell, in hospital. Dear brother of Kathleen. Will be sadly missed. Service and cremation at Landican Crematorium, Arrowe Park, Wirral, Merseyside, on Monday June 3rd 1991 at 2pm. Flowers please to Alex Taylor Funeral Service, 146 Conway Street, Birkenhead, Wirral, Merseyside.

GAMMELL - On May 28th 1991, peacefully at Northwood House, Helensburgh, Mary, aged 93, Dear wife of Dick, of Thornford and Sherborne, Dorset. Beloved mother of Guy and Rosemary and much loved grandmother. Cremation at Cardross on Thursday May 30th at 3 pm. Service of Thanksgiving at Thornford on Monday June 17th at 2.30 pm.

GODFRAY - On May 28th 1991, peacefully at the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, John William, former Headmaster of Furzedown School. Much loved husband of Norah and father of David.

HAYLEY - On May 15th, following an accident, Barbara Ann, Head of English Department at St Patrick's College, Maynooth. Beloved daughter of Mabel and the late John Edward Fox of Clontarf, Dublin, darling mother of Sophie and Celia and wife of Walter. Deeply missed by relatives, friends and colleagues.

HEWITSON - On May 25th 1991, suddenly at Chailey, Neil Hewitson, dearly loved husband of Jennifer and father of Nicholas, Karen and Hilary and grandfather of Thomas and William. Cremation Private. Service of Thanksgiving at St Peter's Church, Chailey Green, Sussex, on Monday June 3rd at 4.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Neil Hewitson Memorial Fund c/o R.A. Brooks & Son, 35 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, W. Sussex. tel:0444-454891 or 082672-2896.

HOGG - On Wednesday May 29th, Elizabeth (Betsy), widow of Teddy, peacefully with great courage at Forest Row, Sussex, in her 83rd year. Funeral Service Worth Crematorium, Crawley, Sussex, Monday June 3rd at 3 pm. Flowers to Brinkhurst Funerals, East Grinstead.

JOSLING - On May 25th 1991, at her home after a distressing illness borne with exemplary courage, Bertha Josling (née Frearson), aged 78 years. Dear wife of John and a much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Thursday June 6th. Service at St Andrew's Church, Fairlight (near Hastings) at 1.45 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Macmillan Nursing Service, Hastings, c/o Hinkley Funeral Service, 50 Mount Pleasant Road, Hastings, tel: (0424) 722461.

KACZMAROWSKI - On May 25th, suddenly in Sopot, Poland, aged 75, Leopold, devoted husband of Irena, adored father of Basia and Jacek and grandfather of Felix.

KEHOE - On May 27th 1991, peacefully after a long illness bravely fought in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Diana Elizabeth Marsh (née Brown), aged 49, much loved wife of Vincent and mother of Victoria and Paul. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday June 5th at 12 mid-day, St Edwards Church, Alma Road, Windsor. Flowers to Sargeants of Windsor. Donations to Churchill Hospital Ward 7 Fund or Radiotherapy Department Improvement Fund.

KING - On Friday May 24th 1991, William Henry, M.C., T.D., M.A., Minister of The United Reformed Church. In his 100th year. Loving husband of the late Dorothy, and since 1966 of Mary and father of Robert and Joan. Thanksgiving Service will be held in The Chapel of Westminster College, Cambridge, on Thursday June 6th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be sent for Christian Aid. Enquiries to Brian Warner Funeral Service, tel: Cambridge 240258.

McCOMAS - On May 24th 1991, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Colonel M.G. (Mike) McComas MBE, late Royal Artillery. Very dearly loved husband of Peggy, loving father of Anne, Diana and Peter and proud father of Kate, David and Helen. Alice and Rosie, James and Saran. Funeral Service at Boyton Church at 1.45 pm on Friday May 31st, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Kelly Holdsworth Artillery Trust c/o A.G. Doughty, 56 Upton Lovell, Warminster.

McLAREN - On May 28th, suddenly and peacefully in her 91st year, Rosemary Jean, widow of Robert M. McLaren, much loved mother of Esther, Caroline, Maggie and Sandy. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, at 3.30 pm on Monday June 3rd. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to Friends of Camphill c/o The Secretary, 11 Belford Place, Edinburgh, EH4 3DH.

NELSON - On May 27th, peacefully, Major Sir William Nelson, Bart, O.B.E. Beloved husband of Elizabeth-Ann, Requiem Mass at St Michael's Catholic Church, South Petherton, Somerset, on Monday June 3rd at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers to Stoodley & Son Funeral Directors, Crewkerne, Somerset.

NUTTALL - On May 26th 1991, suddenly, Edward Harding, Honourable Artillery Company of Fovant, Wiltshire, aged 78 years, much loved husband of Audrey. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St George's Church, Fovant, on Friday June 7th 1991 at 2.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations for The British Heart Foundation c/o Chris White & Sons, Funeral Director, 6 Bonham Close, Great Wishford, Salisbury, Wilts.

REID - On May 27th 1991, whilst fishing with friends, Lt. Col. John Willet Reid, late 9th Queen's Royal Lancers. Dear husband of Rosemary (Miv) and much loved father and grandfather. Private cremation. No flowers please. Donations if desired to North of England Children Cancer Research c/o Dr. Craft, R.V.I., Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Thanksgiving Service, St Michael's Cotswold, North Yorks., 12 noon Friday June 14th.

SCHOLLICK - On May 27th 1991, Henry Lightbown, O.B.E., aged 84 years, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Family funeral. Donations, if desired, to The Salvation Army, Oxford.

TANNER - On May 26th 1991, Marjorie, peacefully, aged 83 years, mother of Richard, Roger and Andrew. A lifetime devoted to her family, needlecraft and schools; in particular Bedford Modern School. Reunited with George.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

SEARIGHT - Time of Rodney's cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, June 4th, changed from 11.45 to 11.30.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

PEACOCK - A Memorial Service for Sir Geoffrey Arden Peacock CVO will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall in the City of London on Friday June 28th at 11.15 am.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BLAKE - Maurice William, May 30th 1951 and his wife, Charlotte Elizabeth, November 28th 1981. Remembered with love. John.

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Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6801) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

LIFE IS CHEAP . . . BUT TOILET PAPER IS EXPENSIVE: Wayne Wang's whirlwind tour through the madness of Hong Kong; part documentary, part send-up. Rude, beautiful, witty.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

MERMAIDS (15): Synthetic comedy of family life. Winona Ryder appeals; preening Cher grates on the nerves. Director, Richard Benjamin.
Odeon West End (071-930 5252/7615).

PROBLEM CHILD (PG): Hideously crude comedy about a delinquent seven-year-old (a charmless performance by Michael Oliver).
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

WHITE FANG (PG): Tame Disney version of Jack London's novel about a boy and his wolf-dog in the Klondike. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

CURRENT

AY CARMELA! (12): Carlos Saura's boisterous, but shallow tale of travelling actors embroiled in the Spanish Civil War. Carmen Maura, Andres Pajares.
Lumière (071-836 0691).

■ ALL FOR LOVE: Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☑ CARMEN JONES: Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pizzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☑ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others ensnared by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins. Final week.

■ INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Uneasily comic Ayckbourn "family show", about a girl's fantasies turning real.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow, 2.30pm, Sat, 10.30am and 2.30pm. 120mins.

☑ LOVE'S LABOUR'S LOST: Enchanting Terry Hands production, with Ralph Fiennes and Amanda Root.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2pm.

☐ MATADOR: The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

♦ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U):** Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ **DANCES WITH WOLVES (12):** Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ **THE DOORS (18):** Oliver Stone's rip-roaring biography of Doors singer Jim Morrison (Val Kilmer).
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (0426 914098) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **GREEN CARD (12):** Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ **HAMLET (U):** Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Odeons: Haymarket (071-839 7697) Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

♦ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy.
Cannons Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 9705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Leicester Square (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

NIGHT SUN (12): Tolstoy's *Father Sergius* adapted by the Taviani Brothers. A modest performance by Julian Sands as the monk struggling with earthly sins, but the images glow with magic.
Renoir (071-837 8402) Minema (071-235 4225).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin). Somewhat arch, but tender.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ **WHITE PALACE (18):** Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader. Director, Luis Mandoki.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999).

SPECIAL EVENT

SHOTS IN THE DARK: Britain's first crime and mystery festival begins in Nottingham tonight with a sold-out screening of Jonathan Demme's horrific *The Silence of the Lambs* (reviewed on page 13). Succeeding days bring a clutch of Jim Thompson adaptations, a survey of serial killers, Samuel Fuller's latest film *Street of No Return*, and an outlaw round-up ranging from the quaint television *Robin Hood* of the 1950s to the apartheid drama *Mapantsula*. Plus theatre, talks, and a photography exhibition. The festival runs until June 9.
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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☑ THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS: Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack stand out in Sam Mendes' otherwise disappointing production.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2pm. 170mins.

☑ RE: JOYCE!: Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ SAME OLD MOON: Irish girl discovers sex, literature and paternal love in over-familiar tale.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 105mins.

☐ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ TOP GIRLS: Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☑ THE TRIAL: Antony Sher the most convincingly Kafkaesque figure in Berkoff's lurid production.
National (Lyttelton) (as left). Tonight, 7.30pm. 180mins.

☐ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 140mins. Final week.

■ **TWO SHAKESPEAREAN ACTORS:** John Carlisle and Anton Lesser play rival Thespians in Richard Nelson's highly entertaining play. The Pit, Barbican Centre (as left). Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2pm. 180mins.

☐ WAITING FOR THE PSYCHIC: Women bruised by men but unbowed; Russian play superbly acted by visiting Moscow company.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 90mins.

☐ A WING AND A PRAYER: Alan Franks' neatish wheelchair comedy set in a high-class nursing home.
New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1116). . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107). . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5399) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122). . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TIMON OF ATHENS: Stephen Oliver's skilful and energetic new opera, staged for English National Opera by Graham Vick, with bass-baritone Monte Jaffe a magnificent Timon. Notable performances from David Marsh (Sempronius), Nicholas Folwell (Mutius) and Gregory Yurisich (Alcibiades). Graeme Jenkins conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

DRAWINGS BY GUERCINO: Britain is in an excellent position to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Guercino's birth. The Royal collection alone has some 800 drawings, 100 of which form the basis of this splendid show. A further 100 have been drawn from public and private collections. Subjects range from studies for religious compositions to landscapes and some caricatures.
British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-323 8299), 10am-5pm, until August 18.

HOLST AT ST PAUL'S: The London Festival Orchestra, under Ross Pople, performs *The Planets*, followed by guest soprano Patricia Rozario singing songs by Canteloube. St Paul's Cathedral Choir joins in for Mozart's Mass in C, K317.
St Paul's Cathedral, London EC1 (tickets from: 071-379 4444), 7.30pm.

BATH FESTIVAL: The outstanding German baritone Olaf Bär, accompanied by pianist Geoffrey Parsons, gives an all-Schubert recital (Assembly Rooms, 7.30pm); Hungary's Keller Quartet plays quartets by György Kurtág and Beethoven (Assembly Rooms, 1pm); and Austrian violinist Ernst Kovacic performs Dvořák, Bartók and Beethoven (Guildhall, 7.30pm).
Festival Box Office (0225 463362/ 463411), until June 9.

WILDEST DREAMS: Alan Ayckbourn's latest play is a curious blend of the entertaining and the unlikely; a cautionary tale of lonely (and impurely motivated) people who become obsessed with playing Dungeons and Dragons.
Stephen Joseph Theatre in the Round, Valley Bridge Parade, Scarborough (0723 370541), 7.45pm.

HAZEL O'CONNOR: O'Connor, whose fortunes have been mixed since her early Eighties success with the film *Broken Glass* and its attendant hit singles, "Eighth Day", "D-Days" and "Will You", is in singer (rather than actress) mode again and back on the road with a band.
Royal Concert Hall, Buchanan Street, Glasgow (041-227 5511), 7.30pm.

Bewitched 'neath a wat'ry moon

DONALD COOPER

THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Open Air, Regent's Park



Playing the ass: Roy Hudd as a charming Bottom, with Louise Gold as the fairy queen Titania

FIRST of all the costumes. Some wore checked blankets draped close around the shoulders, others preferred to cover their knees — this is the audience, you understand. A fair number braved the summer chill in anoraks and one robust hero remained in his T-shirt all evening, a costume only marginally more appropriate to the weather than the flimsy wraps worn by the bare-footed, bare-shouldered Titania.

Go well guarded against an English summer evening — gloves or deep pockets, one or two scarves, a brolly just in case — and an evening out in the park can be an awfully big adventure, as P. Pan Esq once said of life. And sitting still in the evening air does become something of a rite of passage. If we can laugh at Bottom's antics without glancing too often at the sky beyond the trees, wondering how long before the charcoal-grey cloud becomes inky-black, then we must be tough and grown up creatures after all.

Of the whole Shakespearean corpus, this play takes most easily to the bosky setting, which Paul Farnsworth's design tricks out with a tree blasted in some recent Athenian hurricane, though the weight of the cobwebs festooning its branches may have contributed to its fall. Around the periphery of the levelled stage stand a few gilded masts, waiting for a marquee to connect them, and near the top of the stone steps a small gazebo perches.

Theseus makes his first entry wearing full armour and a surcoat, duelling. There is something fearfully naff about surcoats. They flap about. They are of no possible help in a duel. And for a while Ian Talbot's production looks as if it would similarly beat the air without achieving much. More often than not, the young lovers gabble their poetry and tiresomely let their voices go harsh when raised in anger. Their mismatching in the wood will always provide visual comedy but the players should learn from Richard O'Callaghan's Puck that, in this arena, it is possible to convey the delicacy of poetry, rapidly yet clearly, even from inside a hollow tree, yet also be able to hiss and spit in angry frustration.

O'Callaghan's shock-haired imp — punk as well as Puck — brings the first passion into the production, along with Jenny Galloway's First Fairy, a hobbling crone wearing what might have been a farthingale before it was left out overnight in the dew. She cackles goonishly, like Eccles's mother, and all the fairies wear rags and shake their bots in the air. The current fad for grubby Immortals deserves a thesis.

As nearly always, the rude mechanicals carry the evening on their home-spun shoulders. Led by a beaming Roy Hudd as Bottom, speechifying on Snout's behalf with practised charm, and later wearing a magical ass's head equipped with wrinkling brows and languorously rolling eyeballs, their rehearsal scenes are packed with comic business and nicely observed rivalry.

When all is done and a treetop Puck bids us give applause, the open air charm of a rainless, if chill, evening has woven its familiar magic.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

Fool for Love
Timber Street Studios, Clerkenwell

JOHN Napier's latest creation is to be found in the bowels of a terrace house in a tiny street five minutes walk from Barbican tube. In the rooms upstairs, the designer and his associates spend their days toiling on the sets of the next *Cats* or *Les Misérables*. Down below, they have converted what would otherwise be an oversized coal-bunker into London's latest fringe theatre, a black cavern with a stage that may be placed either before, between or (assuming someone writes a play for the eyes some of us keep in the backs of our heads) behind roughly 50 paying punters.

For the opening offering, a revival of Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*, the stage has become a long passageway, flanked on each side by two rows of seats. That both suits and does not suit a play meant to exacerbate any spectator's incipient claustrophobia. The actors are so close that at one moment I was able to get a chiropodist's-eye-view of the heroine's lightly lacquered toenails and at others to see that the hero's palms and knuckles were remarkably pale and ungnarled for someone who supposedly earns a living roping steers and trading horses. Yet watching them can be like following a tennis match: our heads swivel from side to side as words are lobbed from distant base-line to distant base-line.

Either way, Irina Brown's production lacks the intensity demanded by a play whose subject is the power of love to shatter taboos and destroy minds. At the centre are May and Eddie, a half-sister and a half-brother unable to live either with or without each other. In the background are other tales of obsessive passion: a mother who committed suicide when she found that her husband had a second family, a mistress who arrives with shotgun, petrol and matches outside the desert motel where the piece is set. But Barry O'Rorke's Eddie is not nearly desperate or haunted enough, and Donna King is too spruce and clean, too bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for the jungle creature May should be. Moreover, she tends to offer Method where madness is wanted.

Still, there will be other nights and other plays. Napier and his chums plan to be choosy, and do not mind if their theatrical catacombs stay dark for longish periods; but they are looking for scripts and productions worth house-room. It would be sad for everybody if they were to be disappointed.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERT

ECO/Wigglesworth
Barbican Hall

IF THE time ever comes when we need nicknames for the symphonies of David Matthews, then perhaps his Fourth, unveiled on Tuesday, could be called "The Tango". That is how its most self-assertive movement goes along, leaning and swaying but also kicking its heels into the air in a rather brisk and brittle interpretation of the dance, interrupted by a slower trio section and right towards the end by a passage where the orchestra's leader skids wildly off the rails. However, there are things just as odd in all the other movements of this piece, in which Matthews characteristically breaks up a very traditional, sage kind of symphonic discourse with quirks and occasional clownings.

But this may be the wrong way to put it. Matthews's taste for flukes, sports and malformations is fully integrated into his language, so that what he writes, in this symphony at least, is always elusive. A melody which seems bound for a particular home will come to rest in the "wrong" place; a stretch of plush string harmony in a very English tradition will suddenly have led into the glassy sounds of harmonics; a counterpoint will seem to unfold too slowly; an energetic development will become stalled in repetitions which, with strongly projected horns, slip us immediately into the lap of John Adams. And so music which in the short term appears loyal to a 20th-century *via media* (Tippett, Britten, Sibelius and Bartók are all recalled in the first movement) keeps disconcerting expectations. In doing that, it may sometimes suggest Mahler or Ives: a Mahler tango might well have turned out a bit like Matthews's, and Ives's *Housatonic River* comes into view through, or perhaps in, the mist at the end of the central slow movement. However, Matthews's manner is all his own.

So is his form. The five-part plan suggests a Haydn divertimento, but there is nothing like a sonata movement until the gigue finale. The opening movement is a startlingly bare piece of melodic writing, accompanied only by pedal notes or by birdsong choruses from woodwinds until it finds the warm embrace of E flat major in its closing section. The work had a keen first performance under Mark Wigglesworth who, in this all-English programme, also provided a sensitive foil to the rapturously delicate-sensuous singing of Rosa Mannion in Britten's *Les illuminations*.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

TELEVISION

Sue Lawley/Dispatches
Granada/Channel 4

IN THE course of a nauseatingly chummy interview with the glossy American-born Queen Noor on Monday night (Granada), Sue Lawley tried deliberately to stir things up for the Jordanian royals. Tell us what you think of Saddam Hussein, she said — clearly hoping to make history. "We in the West," she prompted, "believe him to be a murderer, a monster." But Queen Noor failed to rise to this tempting bait — just as a previous Lawley interviewee, John Major, had not fallen for the old "Tell us the date of the next election" trick.

I suppose there is merit in asking such *faux naif* questions, but for the moment I can not think of any. I have a suspicion that Sue Lawley asks them so that she can twinkle and pout in close-up when thwarted. On the other hand, perhaps she does genuinely believe the PM will pause thoughtfully for a minute and then throw caution to the winds: "Go on, then: June 27"; or that Queen Noor will tear off the diplomatic facade, flick back her hair and lean forward with, "Listen, honey. Saddam Hussein? Jeepers, what a crud."

Which brings us to last night's Dispatches (Channel 4) — a 90-minute programme made by an American reporter who roved around Iraq during the run-up to the Gulf war, and asked Iraqis (mainly influential ones, with Saddam portraits on their walls) what they really (no, really) thought of their leader. "Why, we love him," they said. "Would you die for him?" "You bet," they said. "Why are there all these pictures of him everywhere?" "Because he is tremendously popular." "What would happen if someone said they didn't like him?" "Gosh, why would anybody say that?"

Dispatches, however, gave no clue about how to read this stuff. Nothing about security police, for example; no handy little pointers from *Nineteen Eighty-Four*. Here were people saying that life under Saddam Hussein was free, easy, say-what-you-like, go-as-you-please, and their words were backed up by images of affluent Iraqis at Baghdad discos, little girls in leotards exercising at the barre and old men losing money at the racetrack. How did it look? It looked great. No lights flashed on screen when someone told an outright lie. No effort was made to contextualise the testimonies. It was like watching untreated propaganda.

Perhaps this lack of editorialising was intended to raise profound questions about the nature of truth. But equally, it may just have been a demonstration of the Sue Lawley method pushed to its limits in the crazy double-think context of a totalitarian state. Okay, so an affluent Iraqi state-artist says he would die for Saddam. I mean, he would, wouldn't he? Ask a silly question . . . (as the saying goes). But then, my goodness, is this Iraqi *Jew* really saying that Iraq should have a bomb to use against Israel? Or this Iraqi *Kurd* really saying that Kurdish rights are everywhere honoured? Perhaps there is some merit in the *faux naif* approach, after all. Ask a silly question in Saddam's Iraq, and you sometimes get a gobsmacker of a reply.

LYNNE TRUSS

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?

Answers from page 20

CUTCHA
(c) Sun-dried brick, dried mud, makeshift, from the Hindi *kachcā* raw, uncooked: "My friend transported me over three extra miles of catcha road."

PULVIL
(a) Perfumed powder for the wig or the person, from the Italian *polviglio* cosmetic powder: "How many pound of pulvil must the fellow use in sweetening himself from the smell of hops and tobacco."

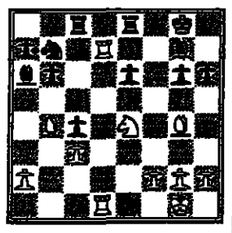
SKIRRET
(c) The water parsnip, *Sium sisarum*, with esculent tubers, an alteration by popular etymology of *skire white* pure white from the Old French *escherris*: "Roasted potatoes or boiled skirrets are your only lofty dishes."

DOOLIE
(c) A rudimentary litter in India, used by the lower classes, and as an army ambulance, from the Hindi diminutive of *dōla* a swing: "Doolies are only used by the very lower sorts of people, in cases of sickness or accident."

MOVING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Brennan — Naldrett, Correspondence 1986/87. The white pieces are all occupying aggressive posts. How does he terminate proceedings immediately?



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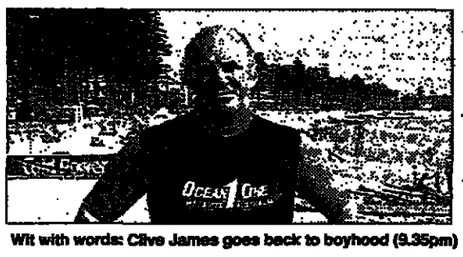
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6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (simultaneous broadcast in stereo on Radio 1)
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9.00 A Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats
9.05 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional News and weather

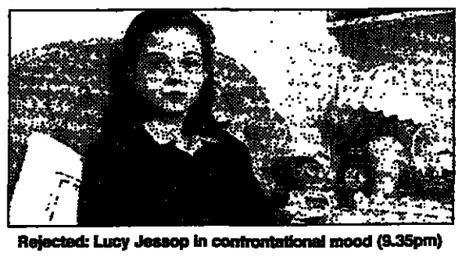


Wit with words: Clive James goes back to boyhood (9.35pm)

9.35 Clive James's Postcard from Sydney
● CHOICE: Clive James returns to his home city with a predictable gag about taking on the local surfing hunk in the waters off Bondi Beach and a less predictable one about Mozart being a secret Australian. Perhaps it is just an excuse to feature a lot of Mozart. James obviously failed to compare notes with the BBC's other current Aussie visitor, Keith Floyd, or they would not have ended up on the same food and wine trails. As usual the verbal humour tends to be more clever than the visual, although the sight of a nervous James climbing to the top of the Sydney Harbour bridge is a nice mix of the funny and frightening. Being on his old stamping ground, James is able more than on other *Postcards* to chart changes. One of his most effective sequences comes when he leaves the manufactured jokes on one side and recalls his boyhood days in Lunar Park, a funfair now derelict and forlorn. (Ceefax)
10.25 Question Time. Peter Sissons chairs a lively studio debate between Sir Geoffrey Howe, MP, Lady Porter, Paul Boateng, MP, and Rosalind Miles
11.25 HeartBeat: South and a Little to the Right of Eden. American medical drama series set in a Los Angeles women's clinic. Northern Ireland: Greenfingers. Wales: Safari Rally; 11.50 Heartbeat 12.15am Weather

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 The Solent Way: Southampton to Browndown (r)
9.00 Film: Up Goes Maisie (1946, b/w). Ann Sothern stars as the former showgirl in the penultimate adventure of the Maisie series. Directed by Harry Beaumont
0.25 Film: I'll Be Your Sweetheart (1945, b/w). Stodgy musical romance about a young music publisher (Michael Rennie) who manages to persuade a music hall star (Margaret Lockwood) to sing one of his songs. Directed by Val Guest
2.05 Look, Stranger: The Rose and Thistle Show. A look at the annual shepherd's show held in the valley of the River Coquet in the Cheviot Hills between Northumberland and Scotland (r)
2.30 Horizon: Eurekaagghl Inventor Robert Symes proffers advice to the inventive on patent renewal (r)
1.20 PC Pinkerton (r) 1.25 Penny Crayon (r) 1.35 Look, Stranger: The World of Jane Philips (r)
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r)
2.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides: Galloway (r)
2.20 Darling — Let's Start Up an Airline. A charming documentary about Suckling Airways, Britain's smallest airline. Founded by a husband-and-wife team, the company owns one 20-seater plane and *flies daily from Cambridge to Manchester and Amsterdam.* Staff and passengers are on first name terms and the personal service includes home-cooked in-flight meals (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 News and weather followed by Under the Sun: The Left-Handed Man of Madagascar (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather
4.00 International Show Jumping: The Emirates Airlines Stakes. David Vine introduces the proceedings at Hickstead
5.30 Film 91 with Barry Norman (r)
6.00 Dakota Incident (1956). A minor western, which echoes John Ford's *Stagecoach* but has little of the flair. A disparate group of travellers, including a bank robber, a garrulous politician and a double-crossing dance-hall girl, find themselves at the mercy of marauding Cheyenne Indians after their stagecoach is wrecked in the desert. Starring Linda Darnell and Dale Robertson and directed by Lewis R. Foster
7.30 First Sight: Endangered Species. London Zoo is facing financial hardship and the future of its 8,000 animals is uncertain. Tasneem Siddiqi investigates. Wales: Gardening Together; Northern Ireland: Doctor at the Top; Midlands: How Euro Are You?; North, Northeast and Northwest: Close Up North; South: Southern Eye; Southwest: Western Approach; West: Current Account
8.00 Floyd on Oz. Roving gourmet Keith Floyd casts his net around Australia's Northern Territory and serves up a variety of appetising fish dishes. (Ceefax)
8.30 On the Line. Sue Mott and Ray Stubbs investigate the growing number of "born-again" Christians in sport and talk to golfer Bernhard Langer, athlete Kriss Akabusi and boxer Duke McKenzie about their beliefs and values
9.00 Up Pompeii! Frankie Howerd stars in the saucy comedy from the Seventies. The canny slave (Howerd) is caught up in a plot and counter-plot against the emperor, Julius Caesar (r)
9.35 Divorce: Not in Front of the Parents
● CHOICE: This year 150,000 children will see their parents split up. Almost three-quarters of fathers who leave home after a divorce lose all contact with their children within two years. Putting a human face on these dreadful statistics, the third film of the series looks at the feelings of children from three families whose parents have divorced. For nine-year-old Samantha, the broken *marriage has set up divided loyalties. She lives with her mother but* spends Sundays with her father. He is marrying again and wants her to a bridesmaid. Her mother, understandably, is not happy. Lucy, who is 13, feels rejected and angry at her father for abandoning the family for a young woman. She wants to confront him about it. And 11-year-old Benji reveals in drawings made for the film the torment which he suffered after his father left home. (Ceefax)



Rejected: Lucy Jessop in confrontational mood (9.35pm)

10.15 Fishing the Hard Way. Joe Brown descends 70ft to catch trout in a subterranean pool (r). (Ceefax)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather
12.00 Weekend Outlook. A preview of the weekend's Open University programmes. Ends at 12.10am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits *Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword gameshow* 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World: Eviegeist. Evie's (Maureen Flannigan) sneezes cause strange goings-on in the house
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine programme. Includes at 10.55 News headlines, and at 11.55 News, regional news and weather
12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet series
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather. 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 The Full Treatment: The World Around Us. Josephine Buchanan and Dr Roy MacGregor present the last programme in the current series. They examine whether there is such a thing as "sick building syndrome" and look at the dangers of passive smoking
2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Pen and paper charades game 3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama
3.55 Children's ITV with Tommy Boyd: Scooby Doo 4.15 Disney's Duck Tales 4.40 Streetwise. Children's drama series
5.10 Thames Action. Jacqui King introduces a new series of consumer *investigations made by and for Londoners*
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather 5.55 Thames Help
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 Emmerdale. Bucolic drama set in the Yorkshire dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Survival — The First 30 Years: The Million Dollar Weed. How the sea otter helped to save a California industry (r). (Oracle)



Suspected: Jon Iles, centre, faces investigation (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Black Mark. More fly-on-the-wall police action with the Sun Hill constabulary. DC Dashwood (Jon Iles) is betrayed by an informant. (Oracle)
8.30 This Week: No Friends But the Mountains. Two months after the Kurdish relief operation, hundreds of thousands of Kurds are emerging from hiding in the mountains. Refugee camps offer little comfort because the lack of electricity and running water has led to a typhoid epidemic. Furthermore, the Kurds trust neither the talks in Baghdad designed to give them some degree of control over their own affairs, nor the power of the United Nations to save them from further oppression. This programme talks to some of the refugees and viewers may find some scenes disturbing
9.00 L.A. Law. Glossy legal soap set in a Los Angeles law firm. CJ (Amanda Donohoe) is asked to represent a non-smoker who has acquired lung cancer from passive smoking. (Oracle)
9.55 Party Political Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather
10.40 The City Programme. Steve Clarke and Danielle Donougher investigate Britain's attitude to the European Monetary Union and the art of successful fund management
11.10 01. Magenta de Vine and Richard Jobson present the weekly guide to what's on in London. Richard O'Brien reviews the film *The Silence of the Lambs*, starring Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster. Music is courtesy of the Pet Shop Boys and the Chieftains
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H
12.30am A Problem Aired. Dial 071-388 1313 if you have an emotional problem you would like to share with Dr Tom Burns
1.00 Film: Three Men and a Cradle (1985). The French hit comedy that gave rise to the American hit comedy *Three Men and a Baby*. Three Parisian bachelors Pierre (Roland Girard), Michel (Michel Boujenah) and Jacques (Andre Dussollier) find their lives turned upside down when an infant baby girl is left on their doorstep. A good-natured film that contains more subtlety than its American remake. In French with English subtitles. Directed by Coline Serreau
3.00 Hardball: Every Dog Has Its Day. Maverick cops Charlie (John Ashton) and Kaz (Richard Tyson) attempt to track down a talking dog which leads them to an international terrorist
4.00 Stand Up. Young comedians perform their own brand of humour
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 Videofashion (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Gasbags (1940, b/w). Marcel Varnel, the director of yesterday's *Good Morning, Boys*, was also responsible for this wartime Crazy Gang comedy. Accidentally transported to France by barrage balloon, the boys learn of a secret weapon and embark on a series of escapades to discover its whereabouts and to escape back to England. Unsubtle but good fun. With Bud Flanagan, Chesney Allen, Jimmy Nervo, Teddy Knox, Charlie Naughton and Jimmy Gold
10.50 History of the Cinema. Animated survey of the film industry
11.00 Equinox: Faster Than a Speeding Bullet. The science and technology series looks at the problems encountered in breaking the sound barrier and asks what the future holds for supersonic travel (r)
12.00 Opening Up the Family Album: Moving On. How photographs can help people come to terms with bereavement (r)
12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. With guest star Harry Belafonte (r)
2.00 On the March: British Dilemmas. This trawl through the archives of *The March of Time* concentrates on problems facing the British government in 1938 (r)
2.30 Film: Broadway Thru a Keyhole (1933, b/w). A musical melodrama starring Constance Cummings as a chorus girl installed as the main attraction in a New York night club owned by a gangster (Paul Kelly). Later, when the law begins closing in on him, Kelly sends the girl to Miami where she falls in love with bandleader Russ Columbo. Despite being hampered by a small budget, the film offers witty observations on Thirties New York. Directed by Lowell Sherman
4.10 The Three Stooges: Fright Night (b/w)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts the elimination quiz
5.00 Famous for Four Minutes. Ordinary Britons talk about their lives
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show: Twist of Fate. Oprah chairs a discussion about the part fate and chance play in people's lives
6.00 The Time Tunnel: Massacre. Classic Sixties science-fiction series about two time-trapped scientists who have the uncanny and unfortunate knack of popping up at the most turbulent and dangerous moments in world history. This week, Tony (James Darren) and Doug (Robert Colbert) emerge at Custer's last stand
7.00 Channel 4 News and weather 7.50 Comment. A personal view
8.00 Birdscape: The Embattled Heath. Artist Bruce Pearson takes a flight of fancy around Britain and presents a visual mix of painting, landscape and birdlife. In this programme he paints a picture of Canford Heath with its attendant Dartford warblers, smooth snakes, sand lizards and hobby falcons. (Teletext)
8.30 The Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien guides and coerces another team through the maze and its games
9.30 Poetry in Motion: Philip Larkin. The concluding episode of the excellent series in which Alan Bennett looks at the work of leading 20th century British poets (r). (Teletext)



Gradual obsession: Bob Hoskins with Cathy Tyson (10.00pm)

10.00 Film: Mona Lisa (1986)
● CHOICE: Although Bob Hoskins's cuddly cockney comes out much the same from film to film, he has a knack of convincing you that only he could have played the part. Perhaps that is the definition of star quality. The Hoskins character in *Mona Lisa* is a small-time crook, likeable, gullible and destined to end up on the losing side. You have seen it before but Hoskins brings it up fresh. At the heart of the film is the relationship between Hoskins and the prostitute (Cathy Tyson) he chauffeurs to her rich clients. They start as antagonists but he becomes obsessed by her. In part, *Mona Lisa follows director Neil Jordan's first film, Angel*, in paying homage to the Hollywood black thriller. But Jordan's almost surreal use of landscape, particularly when evoking the red light district around King's Cross, helps to produce an authentic British flavour. There is a strong cameo from Michael Caine as a vicious gang boss
12.00 Hoddle Street. A repeat of Jonathan Holmes's chilling investigation into the reasons why Julian Knight, an apparently ordinary 19-year-old, decided to go on a killing spree in a Melbourne Street in August 1987, murdering seven people and injuring 19 (r). Ends at 1.30

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 8.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Go Fishing 11.15-11.45 WideAngle 12.40am Donahue 1.35 Film: Listen to Your Heart 3.20 New Music 4.25 Phenomena 4.30 Coach 5.00-5.30 Yan Can Cook

BORDER
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.35 Married ..With Children 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.40 Schmanski 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 8.25-7.00 News 10.40 Lobby 11.10 1st Night 11.40 Sports Special 12.25am Dirty Dancing 12.55 Kojak 1.50 Video View 2.20 Up the Junction 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 Raw Power 4.35 Jobfinder

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Who's the Boss 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Crossfire 11.10 Crann Tara 11.40 Living and Growing for Adults 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.45 Schimanski 5.20-6.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Celebration 11.10 Families 11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.40 Schimanski 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The West This Week 11.25-11.40 Weekend Outlook

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Wales and Westminster 10.40 Thanks To You 11.10-11.40 Mystery Theatre

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Blockbusters 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Great British Isles 7.30-8.00 Scottish Questions 10.45 NB 11.15 Telling Pictures 11.45 Beatha'n Fhaisaich 12.15am Scottish Questions 12.45 North and South 2.30 Jack Thompson Down Under 3.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 3.20pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Married...With Children 11.10 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.40 Schimanski 5.20-6.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 This Way Out 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am North and South 1.50 Skiing 2.50 The Glastonbury Festival 3.50 Film: Riders of Destiny 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Up Country 10.40 Married...With Children 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.40 Schimanski 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Counterpoint 10.45 Money Talks 11.15 Small World, Big Island 11.45 Pop Profile 12.10am Film: Scorpio 2.15 CinemAttractions 2.45 How Was It For You? 3.15 Night Beat 3.40 Schimanski 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Cowards Won't Show 11.10 James Galway Invites 11.40 Film: All Night Long 1.20am Night Heat 2.20 Love American Style 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd Tat Eisi 1991 10.00 Sesame Street 11.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd Tat Eisi 1991 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd Tat eisi 1991 4.30 Mwy O Urdd 5.00 Dennis 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Monopoly 7.30 Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Yr Urdd Tat Eisi 1991 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Stell Eto 9.25 Teenage Health Freak 9.55 Watching the Detectives 10.55 Banned: Censorship by Death 12.00 Hoddle Street

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and The Beautiful 11.30 The Young and The Restless 12.30pm Sale Of The Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love At First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 Chins Beach 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Designing Women 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am Pages From Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the Hour.
5.00am Newswatch 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Sky News Daytime 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Daytime 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament Live 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC Nightly 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC Nightly 4.30 Financial Times Business Weekly

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am Showcase: Showbiz news from Hollywood, including 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Grayeagle (1978): A cowboy hunts own an Indian who has kidnapped his daughter. With Alex Cord
12.00 The Lady And The Highwayman (1988): Oliver Reed, Michael York and Emma Samms star in this lavish tale of lust, greed, treachery and chivalry during the reign of Charles II
2.00pm S.P.Y.S. (1974). Elliot Gould, Donald Sutherland. Spy movie spoof about two bumbling agents who discover a sinister KGB plot
4.00 Jock Of The Bushveld. Children's adventure about a brave dog who roams the South African bushveld
5.40 Entertainment Tonight.
6.00 Big Business (1988): Story of the comic reunion between a pair of identical twin sisters separated at birth. Stars Bette Midler and Lily Tomlin
8.00 Cops And Robbers (1990). Crime drama based on the true story of a group of policemen who pull off a daring bank heist
9.40 Projector
10.00 The Return Of The Living Dead, Part Two (1988): Horror spoof about a group of brain-hungry zombies who encounter a pair of grave-robbers
11.30 Halloween IV: The Return Of Michael Myers (1989). A psychotic killer returns to his home town in search of new victims. With Donald Pleasance
1.00 Dial Help (1988): Charlotte Lewis stars in a supernatural tale about a young model who releases an evil presence
2.35 Weeds (1987): Drama about a convict who forms a theatre company behind bars
4.30-6am Eric The Viking (1989): Lavish fantasy adventure about a peace-loving viking. Stars Tim Robbins and Terry Jones

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Marcopolo and Astra satellites. 6.15am Billion Dollar Hobo (1978) A young man is forced to live as a tramp in order to collect an inheritance. Stars Tim Conway
8.15 Titanic (1953, b/w): Drama about the infamous demise of the liner on its maiden voyage. Stars Robert Wagner and Barbara Stanwyck
10.15 The Adventures Of Marco Polo (1938, b/w). A saga about the Italian explorer who discovered the Orient. With Gary Cooper
12.15 The Ox-Bow Incident (1943, b/w): Two drifters try to prevent a mob lynching a group of innocent men whom they claim are killers. Stars Henry Fonda
2.15 Slipstream (1988): Mark Hamill plays a lawman trying to bring a robot to justice in this futuristic thriller
4.15 The 'Burbs (1989). Comedy about a suburban husband who becomes obsessed with discovering his neighbours' secrets. With Tom Hanks
6.15 The Wonderful World Of The Brothers Grimm (1962). Laurence Harvey stars in this collection of classic fairytales
8.25 Flowers In The Attic (1987). Horror tale about four children whose mother and grandmother keep them hidden away in an attic. Stars Victoria Tennant
10.15 Bull Durham (1988): Susan Sarandon plays a devoted baseball fan who cannot choose between two players. With Kevin Costner
12.05 French Postcards (1979): Comedy about the adventures of a group of American college students in Paris. Stars Miles Chapon

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Marcopolo and Astra satellites. 12.00 Benson and Hedges Cricket highlights 2.00pm Volvo PGA Golf Championships 4.00 Fishing The West 5.00 The IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 6.00 Motorsport Review 7.00 WWF Wrestling 8.00 Australian Rugby League 10.00 Red Line 11.00 Torque 12.00 Australian Rugby League

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Wok With Yan 12.15pm Sally 1.45 The Cook, The Thief, His Wife And Her Lover (1989) Bizarre, violent and compelling tale of an underworld figure's life of lust and excess. With Michael Gambon
3.50-5.45am The Island (1980): Thriller about a modern-day reporter who is captured by a strange band of 19th century pirates. With Michael Caine and David Warner

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 7.00am Action Auto 7.30 Motor Sports 8.00 British Motor Sport 8.30 International Cycling 9.00 World Professional Billiards 10.00 Surfing 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00 German Motor Sport 2.00 FIA International F3000 Championships 3.00 Horse Show Jumping 4.00 Grand Prix Sailing 5.00 USWA Wrestling 6.00 Motor Sport 8.00 Argentina Football 9.00 Spanish Football 11.30 US PGA Golf Tour

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Dvorák (Scherzo Capriccioso: Ulster Orchestra under Handley); Français (Divertissement: Aulos Wind Quartet Members)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Berlioz (Queen Mab Scherzo, Romeo and Juliet: Boston SO under Ozawa); Fauré (Nocturne No 6 in D flat: Kathryn Stott, piano); Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring: RPO under Beecham); Strauss (Suite, Der Rosenkavalier: SNO under Järvi)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Birtwistle, Duets for Storab: Helen Keen, Jonathan Burgess, flutes; Still Movement, Earth Dances: BBC SO under Edwards
9.40 Reds, Revolution and Reaction. Alan Bush (Lidice: BBC Singers under Jackson); Britten (Sinfonia da Requiem: CBSO under Rattle); Bush (Toulon: Sarah Connolly, mezzo, Catherine Edwards, piano, BBC Singers under Jackson; During Music: BBC Singers under Jackson); Myaskovsky (Piano Sonata No 5: Murray McLachlan); Bush (To the Men of England: BBC Singers under Jackson); Shostakovich (Symphony No 12, The Year 1917: USSR Ministry of Culture SO under Rozhdestvensky). Bush (The Green Fed Army: Judith Harris, mezzo, Roger Heath, bass, Catherine Edwards, piano, BBC Singers under Jackson)
11.30 Brahms: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Masur performs Symphony No 3 in F, Op 90. 12.05 interval reading; Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor, Op 15 (soloist, Alfred Brendel) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Endellion String Quartet live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. Beethoven (String Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No 4, String Quartet in F, Op 59 No 1, Rasumovsky)
2.00 Mozart on Record. Colin Lawson considers the Serenade in B flat, Mozart's largest-scale piece for wind ensemble, in its more than 40 recordings over 60 years
3.00 Paisley International Organ Festival: BBC Northern Singers under Stephen Wilkinson, with George McPhee, organ, perform Hans Gal (Motette); Kenneth Leighton (Fantasy on St Columba; Paean; What Love Is This of Thine?); Thea Musgrave (Rorate Coeli); *3.40 interval reading*; Duruflé (Requiem)
4.35 BBC Welsh SO under Takuo Yuasa performs Bartók (Divertimento); Brahms (Three Hungarian Dances); Kodály (Dances of Galanta)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Fritz Spiegl
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Before the live relay of his opera, Stephen Oliver talks to Michael Hall
7.30 Timon of Athens. Stephen Oliver's new opera, commissioned by English National Opera, live from the London Coliseum; produced by Graham Vick, English National Opera Orchestra under Graeme Jenkins; with Monte Jaffe as Timon, Gregory Yurisich as Alcibiades, Keith Latham as Apemantus, Geoffrey Pogson as Lucullus, Paul Wilson as Varro, Edward Byles as Philotas 8.20 Vick, Jenkins and Jaffe talk to Andrew Lyle; Act II
9.30 Sound Fife and Clarion: Music by John Baston, Corelli and Purcell: David Staff, natural trumpet, New London Consort, Philip Pickett, recorder (r)
10.00 Music in Our Time: Ibion in concert performs Morton Feldman (De Kooning); Cornelius Cardew, d. 1981: (Three Songs: Voice from Thet's Grave; Soon; Our Joy); John Cage (Piano Concert): Andrew Toovey (Einsamkeit/Embrace/String Quartet Music — performed simultaneously, first broadcast); Michael Finnissy (Warara — first broadcast)
11.00 Two's Company: Charles Melville looks at big bands with two leaders (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35pm Composers of the Week: Haydn. Piano Trio in G (H XV 15); Cantata: Miseri noi, misera patria; String Quartet in E flat, Op 64 No 6; Six German Dances (H IX 9); Son pietosa, son bonina (HXXXIIb 1) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM.
5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today: Daily bulletin of rural current affairs 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.0, 7.30, 8.0, 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 A Year in Provence: Written and read by Peter Mayle (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts (r)
9.30 Sweet Rockall: Martin Wainwright on the people obsessed with the tiny waveswept rock, 250 miles out in the Atlantic (r)
10.02 News; The Natural History Programme: Fergus Keeling and Jessica Holm visit Britain's largest ice-age cave
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Citizens (s)
11.25 Writers Revealed: Rosemary Hartill in conversation with playwright Simon Gray (s)
11.50 First Person.
● CHOICE: Few true, amusing, tales are told about antiquarians, so this one, told by Dr Irving Finkel of the British Museum should be cherished. Having deciphered a cuneiform tablet, itemising the rules of a board game played in ancient Babylon, the Assyriologist is invited to Oxska to describe how he did it. Babylonian, Japanese and German all have to be resorted to, but it is the discovery that Dr Finkel makes after his lecture that gives this story of the royal game of Ur its piquancy. (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Presented by John Howard
12.25pm Second Thoughts (s) (r) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.35 Party Political Broadcast: the Liberal Democrats
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: a discussion about the romance of the desert with June Knox-Mawer and Colin Thubron; men recall the tribulations of being sent away to boarding school; and an item on the history of radical newspapers, with the newly appointed editor of *The Socialist*, Denise Searle
3.00 News; Play: Madame. Set in Paris, Elizabeth Wainwright's story concerns two jealous women and the Mafia (s) (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen previews Bill Naughton's radio play *Derby Day* on Radio 4 and is in Dublin to view the ...ew Irish Museum of Modern ...rt; also playwright Yami Ajibade is interviewed (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Including Financial Report
6.30 The Miles and Millner Show (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: The Perfect Lady.
● CHOICE: Our knowledge of the tragic way the story ends hovers over June Knox-Mawer's profile of Isobel Barnett like a grey cloud, even when those well-modulated tones are heard contributing to the general liveliness of *What's My Line? and Any Questions?* The mental picture of the suicide, lying in the bath, four days after her conviction for shoplifting, is even now — 11 years after — painfully difficult to reconcile with our memories of the TV and radio personality who, as someone says tonight, was the model of upper class charm. (s)
8.00 Analysis With David Walker
8.45 Does He Take Sugar?
9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (Repeated from 4.30pm)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Young Emma. David Burke reads W.H. Davies's unusual love story set in Twenties England
11.00 London Transports (s)
11.30 A Half-Baked Life: Mr Harold Macmillan and the Lady with a Corgi
11.45 A Slipping-Down Life: Anne Tyler's story about a teenager's obsession with a rock singer
12.00 News 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Tim Smith 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Gary King 9.00 The Rap Selection 10.00 Nicky Horne 12.00 Bob Harris.

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Cliff Morgan 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Spike's Pick of the Goons 7.30 Wally Whyton 8.00 Gloria Taynor 9.45 You Must Remember This 10.00 Radio 2 Jazz Season 11.00 Martin Kelner 1.00am Radio 2 Jazz Season 2.00 Night Ride

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 8.00, 8.30 9.00 News and Sport; Take Five 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 10.40 Health Show with Angela Rippon incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30 Festivals of Britain: "The Toughest Race in England". Mark Holdstock visits Kiplincotes, Derby 1.00pm News and Sport; 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 1.20 Music Mix with Alan Dykes incl News and Sport at 2.00 2.30 World Service: International Call 3.00 News and Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Meridian Feature 4.00 News and Sport 4.05 Assignment; 4.35 Five Aside, incl News on the hour and half-hour, Sport on the hour 7.20 Adventures of Tom Sawyer: Tom and Becky get trapped in the caves

Eastern Europe's churches plundered for art treasures

From ROGER BOYES IN CRACOW

CHURCHES are being looted, altarpieces stripped and icons smuggled by the dozen as the art treasures of the East head West by fair means or foul. Western collectors are treating the post-communist states as a kind of cut-price supermarket for religious art.

Most thefts in eastern Europe now appear to be commissioned by private Western collectors or crooked brokers. The burglaries are not confined to religious art. Earlier this month four Picasso paintings were stolen from the Sternberg palace in Prague. All the paintings were small and could be smuggled with ease.

The theft points to one important failing in the collections of eastern Europe; the paintings were not insured. There was no point, the gallery director said, since the paintings, valued at $30 million (£17 million), were the property of the state, and the insurance company was likewise a state monopoly.

The Austrian police have been investigating steal-to-order art thefts, primarily in Czechoslovakia. A Viennese businessman recently bought for 200,000 Austrian schillings (£9,600) pictures that had been stolen from the Vizovice palace and a porcelain collection from the Buchlovice castle. The value in the West was about seven million schillings.

The main hunting ground is, however, the unprotected Catholic churches of Slovakia and Poland, and the Orthodox churches in eastern Poland and the Soviet Union. Last year, there were 1,200 different thefts from Polish churches, Jan Swieczynski, the art historian, said.

For the past few years Polish customs have impounded annually between 11,000 and 13,000 pieces of religious art. Interpol estimates the worldwide seizure rate of smuggled art to be about 8 per cent of the total and that average probably applies to smuggling from eastern Europe too.

In February two silver crosses, one weighing 35lb and supposedly containing relics of the cross on which Jesus was crucified, were stolen from the Dominican basilica in Lublin. Last November a 16th-century tempera painting was snatched from Kolobrzeg cathedral.

The police blame church administrators for poor security. But an important element, too, is the lack of central records of cultural relics. In the East, there is no real grasp of what is where, nor of market value. It was recently discovered, for example, that the priceless book collection of Wroclaw university library — with almost 500,000 books published before 1800 — had been systematically plundered.

The Unesco delegation at the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) symposium in Cracow have been sombrely handing out their report *Art, the art market and 1992* to arts ministers and diplomats. This points out that the legal framework controlling art exports is weak in eastern Europe — a 1986 agreement between the communist states no longer has much validity for the new democracies — and that the lifting of internal borders in the European Community after 1992 will remove another obstacle for art smugglers.

Unesco argues that the best way to control the flow of art treasures from East to West would be for the principal "art importers" — including Britain, France, Germany and Japan — to sign the Unesco convention of 1970 which prohibits illegal art exports. The key east European states — the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia — are signatories.

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Ethiopian rebels fire on protesters

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government, President Bush and Herman Cohen, the undersecretary of state for African affairs. Moments later the soldiers directed a stream of bullets just over the heads of the demonstrators who scattered in all directions and then regrouped several hundred yards away.

About an hour after the radio announcement at 3 p m a group of about 200 shouting demonstrators appeared and began to run up a ramp leading past the St George church near the statue of Emperor Menelik not far from the municipality building.

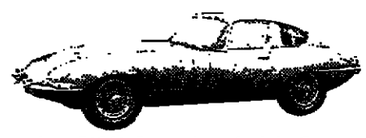
A group of about 15 Ethiopian front soldiers who were located about 50 feet from the demonstrators began firing above the heads of the crowd who dropped below a stone wall which rises above the ramp. One middle-aged man was caught in front of the wall; he had become separated from the crowd and had not begun to ascend the ramp. He raised his hands in the air but the Ethiopian front soldiers continued to fire above him and to his side. Several seconds later he was hit in the chest and tumbled to the ground

The man was loaded into a truck after he had bled into the street for several minutes. The soldiers searched the crouching demonstrators and released those without weapons and shook their hands. Near the Piazza area I encountered an Ethiopian friend who told me that she had seen the bodies of four civilians in the area.

Earlier an Ethiopian front spokesman who I had interviewed claimed that the demonstrations had been organised by Ethiopian Workers Party members who had still not been arrested.

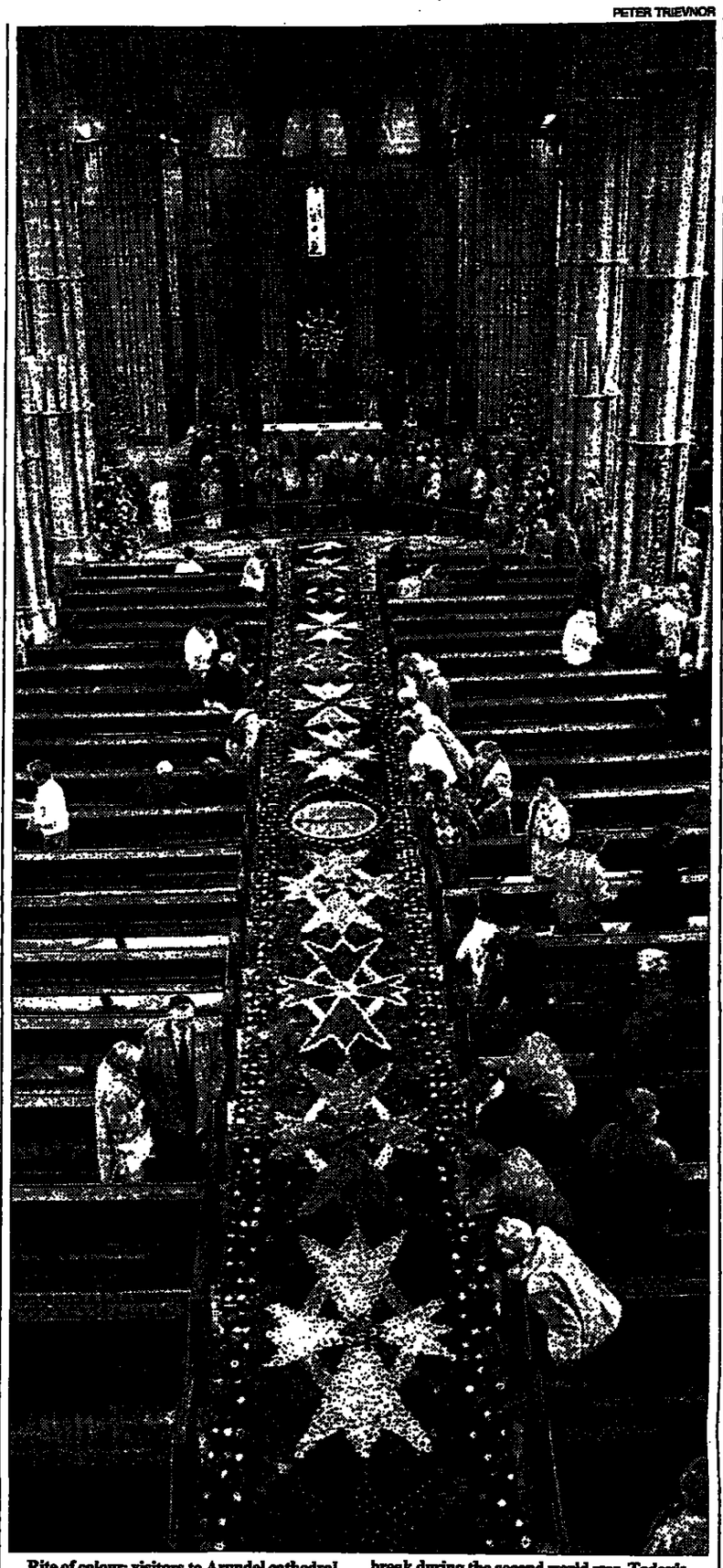
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TOMORROW: AN ICON AT 30



In the spring of 1961, Jaguar launched the E-type, which was to become as much a symbol of that vaunted decade as flower power and student unrest. Tomorrow *The Times* celebrates a car whose performance remains a match for most sports saloons being produced today

PETER TRIEVNOR



Rite of colour: visitors to Arundel cathedral, West Sussex, viewing a 97ft carpet of flowers at the start yesterday of three days of celebrations marking Corpus Christi. The floral display, which is made up almost entirely of multi-coloured chrysanthemums, has been laid along the aisle every year since 1877, apart from a short break during the second world war. Today's feast day will be marked by a procession from the cathedral to Arundel castle where benediction will be given by the Rt Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Joining the procession will be the Knights of Malta and Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

Ministers step up battle over health service

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

TWO cabinet ministers yesterday stepped up the government's assault on what it calls "Labour lies and distortions" about the NHS. They claimed that the government had increased health service spending by 50 per cent in real terms, compared to 6 per cent under the last Labour government.

William Waldegrave, the health secretary, and David Mellor, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, deluged journalists with facts and figures in an attempt to regain the health service initiative from Labour. The arrival of health as the public's main concern has coincided with the Tories falling eight points behind Labour in one national opinion poll.

Mr Waldegrave admitted that the government had been damaged by Labour's campaign on the health service but said the campaign was built on lies. Mr Mellor challenged Labour to put a figure on the alleged underfunding of the health service and tell people whether Labour intended to find the money to meet any shortfall.

The ministers claimed that spending was now £44 a week on the NHS for an average family of four compared to £11 under Labour.

While Labour had called at the last election for a 3 per cent increase in health spending in real terms the increase had actually been 3.2 per cent, said Mr Mellor. Spending on health was up from £8 billion in Labour's last year in government to £32 billion this year.

Mr Waldegrave said that it was a "fundamental deception" of the British public for Labour to imply that it would correct an underfunding which the British Medical Association put at £6 billion.

But the ministers stonewalled when asked how much extra the government would spend next year, a matter to be determined in public spending round.

The ministers, seeking to exhaust the public appetite for the health debate and to neutralise Labour's case before a general election, published a leaflet headed "Labour's lies about the NHS".

Listing such "lies" as "hospitals are opting out of the NHS" and "profits will have to come before patients", it countered: "NHS trusts are firmly within the NHS treating NHS patients free of charge with NHS staff. They are opting out of NHS bureaucracy, not out of the NHS". Mr Waldegrave said that savings from better management of NHS property and better systems for buying supplies would mean millions of pounds could be directed into treating patients.

Labour's health spokesman, Robin Cook, said that only "petty cash" had been set aside under NHS reforms for patients who choose their own hospital. Eighty out of 100 health authorities surveyed had kept back 2 per cent or less of their budgets for patients who choose a hospital different from the one they would be allocated by the health authority.

Mr Cook said that almost half had kept back 1 per cent or less. "Patient choice is set to become another casualty case in the new NHS. We were promised a system in which money followed the patient. This survey shows just how little money is left to follow the patient."

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Moscow courts investors

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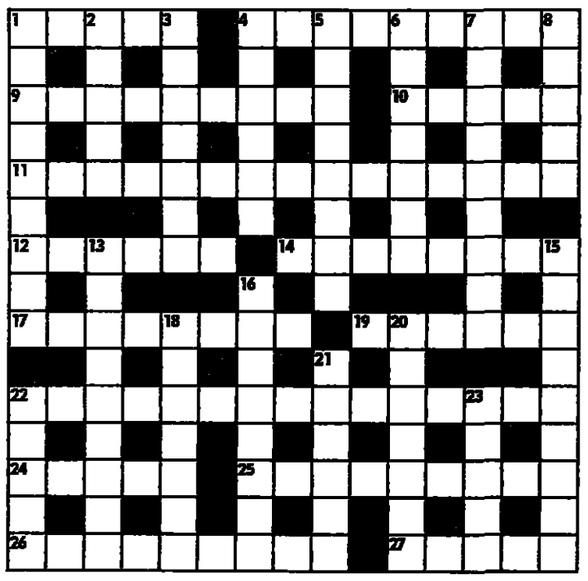
monthly currency auctions, presently restricted to small rouble holdings. If foreign companies were allowed to participate in these auctions the rouble market would receive a liquidity boost which could eventually lead to a system of internal convertibility, as practised in Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

Other clauses provide for foreign companies or individuals to buy mineral and other concessions in the Soviet Union, a return to the position before the revolution when British companies, among others, held mining concessions. The subject is ideologically sensitive because to orthodox communists it smacks of *extra-territoriality* and *colonialism*.

Mr Pavlov said he planned to give priority to direct foreign investment rather than credits which, he said in oblique criticism of the Soviet recipients, were not used effectively. Early in his premiership Mr Pavlov accused Western bankers of a conspiracy to destabilise the regime.

Opponents of the foreign investment legislation complained that the new provisions could lead to the "disintegration" of the Soviet economy

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,619



ACROSS

1 Relative rejected appeal to go the rounds (5).
4 In the continent, right time to develop plant (9).
9 Old city jokes heard about superior female appointee (9).
10 A drink for the emperor (5).
11 Wrestling in which two rounds can involve a second (5-2-5-3).
12 Lives in NW town without a motorway, being elderly (6).
14 Again take in dreadful bar bores (8).
17 Household heads given credit for speaking out (8).
19 Vituperative words from this sailor and drug addict (6).
22 A call to arms from Berlin (5,3,4,3).
24 First-class politician taken in by Macavity's plea (5).
25 Skilled dissector, or a believer in Dalton's theory? (9).
26 Policy declaration a Chinese leader frames if in retreat (9).
27 It's a motoring event, actually, out east (5).

DOWN

1 Run out of space on the press (9).
2 Cry heard by holder of 15 when crossing meadow (5).
3 Establishes contact with people who part with money (7).
4 In the bloody Tube, mostly, one's tense (6).
5 New rate about 10p a year? He'd be delighted (8).
6 Little fare, do we infer, in this saloon? (7).
7 Histories about the Channel Islands, where French proved farsighted (9).
8 Crime gets cloth-worker executed (5).
13 Height of soldiers replacing six in army formation? (9).
15 Rank of one going to Eton by car, perhaps? (9).
16 Direction of movement of fish among rocks (8).
18 Muslim leader originally functioning as law officer (7).
20 Posh function — one held by man up in small private room (7).
21 Energetic type upset a large number, interrupting work (6).
22 Like a jolly sort of clock (5).
23 Run in breathing apparatus from cooker on fire (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,618

Y	O	P	H	A	T	■	A	C	T	O	F	G	O	D
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Concise Crossword, page 17

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

CUTCHA
a. Wicketkeeper at Chinese baseball
b. A very fiery spice
c. Made of dried mud

PULVIL
a. Perfumed powder
b. A Bengali mercenary
c. The base of an anvil

SKIRRET
a. A war cry
b. To hunt around for
c. The edible water parsnip

DOOLIE
a. Makeshift
b. An impossible lie at golf
c. A palanquin

Answers on page 18

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WEATHER

Generally cloudy over much of Britain with some drizzle over eastern coasts and hills, dying out during the day. Bright intervals in western districts with some long sunny spells in southern areas. Some fog patches are likely in the northern isles and parts of northeast Scotland. Generally warmer. Outlook: little change but some rain moving into northern areas later.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	20	68	s	Majorca	28	79	s
Alicante	20	68	s	Malaga	21	70	f
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Malta	21	70	f
Algiers	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	13	55	c	Mexico C*	23	73	s
Athens	21	70	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	20	68	s
Barbados*	31	88	s	Montreal*	24	75	c
Barcelna	19	66	s	Moscow	15	59	c
Belgrade	12	54	r	Munich	17	63	f
Berlin	20	68	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Bermuda*	28	79	f	Naples	19	66	f
Biarritz	26	79	f	N Delhi	37	99	s
Borde'x	25	79	s	N York*	29	84	s
Brussels	18	64	s	Nice	19	66	f
Budapst	14	57	c	Oslo	24	75	s
B Aires*	24	75	c	Paris	21	70	f
Cairo	31	88	s	Peking	22	72	c
Cape Tn	18	64	f	Perth	14	57	f
C'blanca	20	68	c	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago*	31	88	f	Reykjavik	11	52	c
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rhodes	19	66	s
Cologne	20	68	t	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	13	55	c	Riyadh	34	93	s
Corfu	19	66	s	Rome	19	66	s
Dublin	13	55	s	Salzburg	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	17	63	f	S F'isco*	12	54	c
Faro	19	66	c	Santiago*	20	68	c
Florence	22	72	s	S Paulo*	26	79	s
Frankfurt	19	66	f	Seoul	24	75	s
Funchal	20	68	f	St'kholm	16	61	f
Geneva	22	72	s	Strasb'rg	21	70	s
Gibraltar	20	68	f	Sydney	15	59	r
Helsinki	11	52	r	Tangier	20	68	f
Hong K	28	79	c	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Innsbruck	20	68	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Istanbul	15	59	f	Tokyo	23	68	c
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	25	77	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Tunis	25	77	s
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	23	73	c
Le Touet	15	59	c	Vanc'ver*	13	55	c
Lerwick	11	52	c	Venice	20	68	s
Lisbon	20	68	c	Vienna	17	63	f
Locarno	23	73	f	Warsaw	17	63	s
L Angels*	17	63	c	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Luxembg	20	68	s	Wel'ton	12	54	f
Luxor	36	97	s	Zurich	19	66	s
Madrid	25	77	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.39	2.24
Austria Sch	21.80	20.40
Belgium Fr	63.70	59.70
Canada $	2.10	1.98
Denmark Kr	11.84	11.14
Finland Mkk	7.41	6.99
France Fr	10.44	8.79
Germany Dm	3.09	2.89
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	14.08	13.08
Ireland Pt	1.155	1.085
Italy Lira	2305.00	2165.00
Japan Yen	256.00	238.00
Netherlands Gld	3.475	3.255
Norway Kr	12.03	11.33
Portugal Esc	269.00	251.00
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.95
Spain Pta	190.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	11.10	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.63	2.46
Turkey Lira	7550.00	6750.00
USA $	1.835	1.715
Yugoslavia Dnr	51.00	32.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 8am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 6.2 hr.

SECOND EDITION

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	4.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	12.9	-	16	61	sunny
Belfast	7.7	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Blackpool	1.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Bournemouth	1.5	-	14	57	cloudy
Bristol	0.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Cardiff	4.7	-	15	59	bright
Colwyn Bay	12.0	.01	14	57	sunny
Douglas	10.1	-	13	55	sunny
Eastbourne	1.1	-	13	55	dull
Edinburgh	7.1	-	15	59	bright
Exmouth	3.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Falmouth	5.5	-	15	59	sunny
Folkestone	2.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Glasgow	9.9	-	19	66	sunny
Hastings	1.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Jersey	8.5	-	16	61	sunny
Leeds	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Lerwick	-	-	11	52	drizzle
Littlehampton	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
London	0.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	-	.02	11	52	rain
Manchester	3.5	-	15	59	bright
Minehead	0.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Morecambe	5.7	.02	15	59	bright
Newcastle	-	-	10	50	cloudy
Nottingham	0.1	-	11	52	cloudy
Penzance	3.1	-	15	59	bright
Plymouth	5.3	-	x	x	xbright
Poole	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Scarbor Snd	10.7	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Shanklin	1.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Swanage	2.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Teignmouth	3.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Tenby	9.4	-	15	59	sunny
Tiree	14.3	-	14	57	sunny
Torquay	3.4	-	16	61	dull
Weymouth	2.5	-	13	55	bright
Wick	1.1	-	12	54	dull
Worthing	1.7	-	13	55	cloudy

Tuesday's figures are latest available

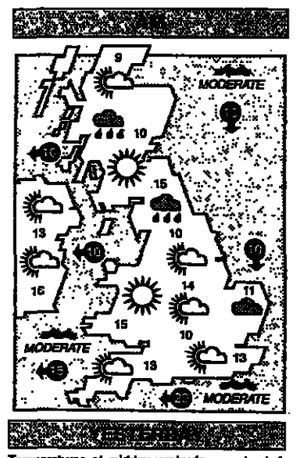
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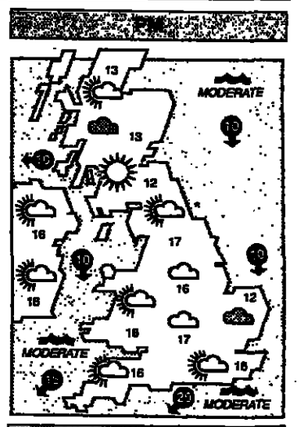
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S W Scotland	720
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6PM



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	12	54	c	Guernsey	12	54	c
B'mgham	11	52	c	Inverness	11	52	c
Blackpool	15	59	c	Jersey	13	55	c
Bristol	13	55	s	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	14	57	f	M'chester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	13	55	c	Newcastle	10	50	d
Glasgow	15	59	f	R'mdeway	12	54	s

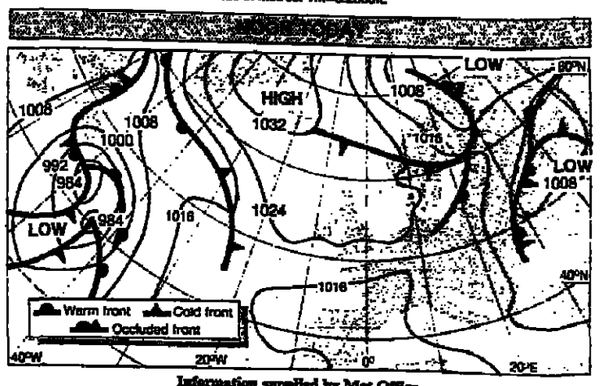
Tuesday: Highest day temp: Fort William, Highland, 21C (70F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Clacton, Essex, 0.04 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 14.3 hr.

TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.46	6.7	3.56	6.7	Liverpool	12.51	8.9	1.12	8.5
Aberdeen	3.02*	3.9	3.22	3.8	Lowestoft	11.18	2.4	11.58	2.2
Avonmouth	9.08	11.9	9.25	12.1	Margate	1.48	4.5	1.55	4.5
Belfast	12.43	3.4	1.07	3.2	Milford Haven	8.07	6.3	8.24	6.4
Cardiff	8.53	11.1	9.10	11.2	Newquay	6.57	6.3	7.14	6.5
Devonport	7.37	5.0	7.53	5.2	Oban	7.27	3.5	7.52	3.7
Dover	12.50	6.2	1.07	6.2	Penzance	6.34	5.1	6.52	5.3
Falmouth	7.07	4.6	7.23	5.0	Portland	8.49	1.7	9.07	1.9
Glasgow	2.36	4.3	2.49	4.0	Portsmouth	1.07	4.5	1.37	4.4
Harwich	1.38	3.7	1.49	3.7	Shoreham	12.44	5.8	1.14	5.7
Holyhead		12.22		5.0	Southampton	12.25	4.2	12.56	4.2
Hull	8.09	8.9	8.36	8.8	Swansea	8.17	8.6	8.33	8.8
Ilfracombe	7.50	8.3	8.09	8.5	Tees	5.20	5.0	5.51	4.9
King's Lynn	8.16	6.2	8.43	6.9	Wilton-on-Nze	1.34	3.9	1.45	3.9
Leith	4.18	5.1	4.52	5.1					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

YORK

London 9.06 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.15 pm to 5.00 am
Edinburgh 9.43 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 9.25 pm to 4.48 am
Perlzance 9.20 pm to 5.19 am

Sun rises: 4.51 am
Sun sets: 9.05 pm
Moon sets 5.52 am
Moon rises 11.15 pm
Last quarter June 5

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.2 hr.

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BUSINESS

THURSDAY MAY 30 1991

Warburg plunges but lifts payout

THE slump in equity markets and mergers and acquisitions activity caused a 29 per cent plunge in pre-tax profits at SG Warburg Group, the merchant bank, to £132 million in the year to end March.

The fall was smaller than the City had been expecting however, and Warburg's performance was in sharp contrast to many of its rivals that have seen their profits being wiped out during the recession. As a mark of its confidence, Warburg is raising its final dividend 1p to 11.5p, to make 16p for the year, up 7 per cent.

Warburg's equities business was responsible for a large part of the fall. The bank's gilt trading operations are thought to have done particularly well, and the fixed interest business continued to improve.

Warburg's corporate finance department had a busy year. Warburg is masterminding the government's sale of its 48 per cent stake in British Telecom, and advising ICL.

The shares jumped 55p to 698p.

Queens Moat calls again

Queens Moat Houses, which has relied heavily on the City in the past, is calling on shareholders for another £184 million to pay for expansion. The company is raising the money through a rights issue.

An initial £45 million will be used to acquire leasehold interests and a management contract in 15 hotels on the Continent. The balance will be invested in other hotel projects. The company has raised more than £460 million over 3½ years.

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Carlton slides

Carlton Communications, the film and television services group that hopes to pick up a new Channel 3 franchise, reports a fall in pre-tax profits to £46.3 million (£64.9 million) in the six months to end March. The interim dividend rises to 6.1p (5.508p) a share.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7350 (–0.0085)
German mark
2.9573 (–0.0041)
Exchange index
91.9 (–0.1)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1946.9 (+9.9)
FT-SE 100
2492.9 (+13.2)
New York Dow Jones
2970.26 (+11.40)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25495.41 (+104.74)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hillsdown	228½p (+8p)
Northern Foods	450p (+8p)
Body Shop	283½p (+7p)
Smithkline Beech	804p (+6p)
Securigard	170p (+6p)
Unilever	752½p (+14p)
Fisons	485p (+10p)
Carlton Comm	448½p (+13p)
J Smartt	550p (+12p)

FALLS:

Steetley	348½p (–7p)
Kelsey Ind	460p (–18p)
Wagon Ind	398p (–9p)
WPP	154½p (–12p)
Burmah Castrol	536½p (–18p)
Thomson Corp	775p (–10p)
Reed Intl	381½p (–12p)
Pearson	735p (–24p)
Broken Hill	537½p (–9p)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month interbank: 11^{15}/$_{32}$–11^{17}/$_{32}$%
3-month eligible bills: 10^{29}/$_{32}$–10⅝%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⅞*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.48-5.44%*
30-year bonds 98^{11}/$_{32}$-98%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7350	£: $1.7338*
£: DM2.9573	£: DM1.7080*
£: SwFr2.5276	£: SwFr1.4590*
£: FFr10.0457	£: FFr5.7980*
£: Yen239.19	£: Yen137.98*
£: Index:91.9	£: Index:86.5
ECU £0.694886	SDR £0.777402
£: ECU1.439084	£: SDR1.286827

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $360.75 pm $361.50
close $360.50-361.00 (£208.39-208.80)
New York:
Comex $361.85-362.35*

NORTH SEA

Brent (Jun) ..... $18.85 bbl ($19.10)
* Denotes latest trading price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.1 April (1987=100)

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Slump was avoidable

Britain 'still in exceptionally steep recession'

By Anatole Kaletsky, Economics Editor

THE British economy is still in an "exceptionally steep" recession and the first clear signs of a recovery may not be visible until well into next year.

Unlike the last two recessions, which could be partly blamed on energy crises and other international developments, the present slump could possibly have been avoided if the Treasury had moved faster to cut interest rates last year. The damage the recession is now doing to Britain's productive potential will be long-lasting and severe.

These are the main conclusions of the quarterly review published last night by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research. Reflecting the further deterioration of the economy in the last few months, the National Institute, a politically independent body partly funded by the government, has sharply downgraded its forecasts for this year's gross domestic product to show a fall of 2.2 per cent.

This compares with the prediction of 1.4 per cent published three months ago and the Treasury's Budget forecast of a 2 per cent decline. Excluding North Sea oil, the economy is now forecast to contract by 2.4 per cent, compared with a previous estimate of 1.6 per cent.

This forecast, if realised, would make 1991 the worst single year for the economy since the second world war. In 1980, the previous year of record decline, GDP fell by 2 per cent, while non-oil output declined by 2.3 per cent.

In terms of consumer spending, the institute's forecast suggests that this recession will be far worse than the last. Consumption never actually declined in the last recession, but this year it is forecast to fall by 1.4 per cent.

Unemployment, the institute says, will continue to rise rapidly, reaching 2.5 million in the autumn and peaking just below 3 million until late in 1992. The worst impact of the recession will be on manufacturing investment, which is forecast to fall by 15.5 per cent this year and a further 7.3 per cent next year. These estimates, particularly for 1992, are far gloomier than those of the CBI and the Treasury.

One of the main reasons for the institute's gloom has been the clearer picture available of the economy's performance in the second half of last year. It is now clear that consumption and fixed investment were much weaker than previously estimated. Industrialists underestimated the depth of the recession and failed to reduce stocks.

Commenting on immediate prospects, the institute notes that the surveys of industrial confidence favoured by the Chancellor as indicators of recovery actually point only to an upturn in the economy sometime in the next year. Apart from such surveys there is little if anything to suggest that an upturn is in sight at all, the institute observes.

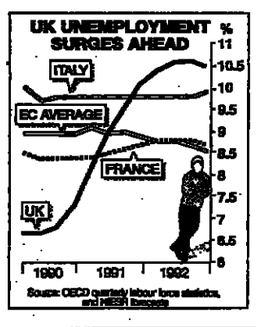
The institute disputes the Chancellor's claim that recessions are an inescapable feature of market economies, pointing out that the recessions in Britain and most other countries in the mid-Seventies and the early Eighties were associated with dramatic rises in energy prices. Britain did not suffer a single recession between 1958 and 1974, the review adds. Today, however, it is no longer clear whether stabilising output is one of the aims of monetary and fiscal policy. "The government has done very little to bring recovery forward" in the last six months, the institute observes.

But the institute shrinks from blaming the Treasury directly for last year's policy mistakes. "Popular opinion holds the government responsible for the recession, and the outcome of the next election is seen as depending on the timing and strength of the recovery. Yet it is not easy to see what the government could sensibly do, or could have done earlier this year, if that was in fact their objective.

With the benefit of hindsight, the government may have been too slow to cut interest rates when the recession began last year. "But if the timing of these policy changes was misjudged, this was mainly because forecasters (all of us, not just the Treasury) failed to foresee the amplitude of the cycle."

In an assessment of the recession's long-term impact on the supply side of the economy, the institute concludes that productivity growth will be permanently damaged and underlying inflationary pressures aggravated by the investment collapse. To measure this effect, the institute compared its main forecast with a simulation that assumed that manufacturing investment continued to grow at 3 per cent annually from the last quarter of 1990 until 1993. Consumer spending was cut back in this special simulation to compensate for this higher investment, leaving the total demand for manufactured goods the same as in the main forecast.

The result of the higher investment level, both on the quantity and quality of Britain's capital stock, would be to increase the economy's sustainable rate of productivity growth by per cent annually. Consumer prices would be 3.7 per cent lower in 1993 than in the base forecast, while real earnings were 2.7 per cent higher and imports were 1.1 per cent down.



DENZIL McNEELANCE



Eye-catching figures: Michael Bancroft, the head of Ritz Design Group, announced a 22 per cent rise in full-year profits to £2.5 million. The lingerie and swimwear maker, which supplies Marks and Spencer, kept a tight rein on costs, stocks and cash control. The final dividend 3.2p (2.67p), makes an increased total of 4.8p (4p) for the year.

EC plans enquiry into mail pricing

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

POST offices in eight countries, including Britain, are being investigated by the European Commission over accusations of price-fixing on mail passed between EC member states.

Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, will investigate post offices in Britain, Belgium, Finland, France, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands and Germany after complaints from private express carrier companies.

The move concerns the dues paid by post offices to the final deliverer of mail.

The International Express Carriers Conference (IECC), one of the carriers' trade associations, which represents companies including United Parcels Services, Federal Express, and TNT, complained three years ago to the EC's competition directorate that a 1987 agreement setting the charges that post offices pay each other to deliver international mail was anti-competitive. The IECC also said part of the main international treaty governing relations between post offices was an illegal restrictive practice under the Treaty of Rome.

Since then, the EC has been examining the complaint, which is based on allegations by the private carrier companies that prices were set at a level that excluded them from the business.

Sir Leon's office said yesterday that the commission was already looking at remailing in Europe.

Gordon Barton, the IECC chairman, said: "This is an exceptionally important decision for everybody in the delivery services market – post offices, private carriers and, most importantly, users."

In Britain, the Post Office said that agreements between international post offices, such as Royal Mail International in Britain, were "necessary in the interests of customers".

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Cresson's move sours relations with Japan

From George Brock in Brussels

IN A move that will increase fears of global trade wars, the new French government of Mme Edith Cresson has said that Europe should arm itself with new powers to fight rival trade blocs.

The move put Japan and France into a diplomatic dispute yesterday. It followed a series of anti-Japanese outbursts by the French prime minister. The Japanese summoned Loic Hennekinne, French ambassador in Japan, to the foreign ministry, where he was told that such remarks were not conducive to "the promotion of bilateral relations".

The rebuke follows accusations by Mme Cresson according to which Japan attempted to destroy Europe's car and electronics industry. She also accused Japan of protectionism, although Japan responded that it was France that uses strict import quotas on cars to protect its domestic car industry.

France has put forward new, potentially protectionist, clauses for the new European Community treaty that would give the EC outline powers to retaliate against trading partners thought to be using unfair methods or advantages.

The new text surfaced in Brussels only days after Mme Cresson, a vocal opponent of Japanese trade practice, became French prime minister on May 16.

The plan to write a European "industrial policy" into the new treaty is already being opposed by Britain, Germany and The Netherlands and will provoke deep disgreement in the intergovernmental conference that will finalise the wide-ranging document at the end of the year.

Two key clanses would allow the Community or individual member states to retaliate against anything judged to be unfair competition, with the sanctions of their choice.

Community and national powers to bail out prestige companies whose products were considered strategically important would also be beefed up – cutting directly across the Community's efforts to promote fair competition inside the Community. "Our objection is that it would lead to the interventionist 'backing winners' policy which all member states have abandoned at national level," said a British official.

The German government is more concerned about the undermining of free trade principles. One clause says the Community would help governments assure "effective access to international markets in conditions of equal competition" and another says the Community would contribute to an "balanced opening of world markets, taking all necessary measures to stop unfair practices".

An earlier attempt, by Belgium, to promote a more explicitly interventionist policy was defeated in the treaty negotiations this year.

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Pöhl to go three months earlier than expected

By Wolfgang Münchau, European Business Correspondent

KARL Otto Pöhl will resign as president of the Bundesbank three months earlier than expected on July 31, following yesterday's official nomination of Helmut Schlesinger, the vice-president, as his successor.

Herr Pöhl said when he announced his resignation two weeks ago that he wanted to leave by the end of October, to allow him to attend the International Monetary Fund's autumn meeting of central bankers and finance ministers for the last time.

The decision to go sooner came after the government took less than two weeks to announce the appointment of Herr Schlesinger and Hans Tietmeyer, currently a Bundesbank director, who will take over as vice-president. Herr Tietmeyer is likely to replace Herr Schlesinger in autumn 1993 when his two-year term at the helm of the Bundesbank expires.

The speed of the appointments contrasts sharply with Herr Pöhl's own appointments in 1979 and 1987. These came amid considerable disagreement within the government. In 1979, Herr Pöhl, then vice-president of the Bundesbank, was only the second choice of Helmut Schmidt, the former German chancellor, while the renewal of Herr Pöhl's eight-year term in 1987 was delayed after fierce opposition from the Bavarian CSU party, and its leader, Theo Waigel, now finance minister.



Pöhl: leaving on July 31

The Bundesbank said yesterday that in view of the new appointments and in agreement with the federal government and the central bank council, Herr Pöhl had said he was prepared to leave office on July 31.

Herr Pöhl said the new appointments strengthened confidence in the stability in the mark and the independence of the Bundesbank.

'Imprudent' pay rise at the Pru

By Jonathan Prynn

DIRECTORS of the Prudential came under fire at yesterday's annual shareholders' meeting for the 43 per cent pay rise awarded last year to Mick Newmarch, the chief executive, when pre-tax profits fell by more than a third. One shareholder, an ex-member of staff, said over the past year the Prudential had not been "prudent" at all.

Mr Newmarch, whose remuneration jumped from £379,651 in 1989 to £543,673, sat stony-faced as his chairman, Sir Brian Corby, president of the Confederation of British Industry, played a straight bat to a volley of hostile questioning.

Alan Diamond, a private investor, drew laughter and applause when he quoted a passage from the chief executive's review in the 1990 report and accounts. Mr Diamond said it was "no wonder" Mr Newmarch had described last year as "for me . . . a rewarding one". Along with several other shareholders, Mr Diamond compared Mr Newmarch's pay rise unfavourably with the 10 per cent pay cut announced the previous day by Lord Tombs, the chairman of Rolls-Royce.

Criticism also came from the National Union of Insurance Workers, which is balloting members on industrial action over pay. Dave Williams, its president, asked Sir Brian whether he was aware of "the appalling publicity" surrounding the company and the damage it was doing to the morale of the 13,000-strong sales force. Mr Williams had described as "hypocritical" warnings from the CBI that trade unionists were fuelling inflation by seeking pay increases in line with inflation.

As Britain's largest investment institution, it could be expected that the Prudential would not be slow to criticise excessive pay rises to directors of companies in which it is a shareholder.

Sir Brian said Mr Newmarch's salary had been set by a committee of non-executive directors and reflected the level of responsibility as head of one of the world's top ten investment institutions.

The company said after the meeting that the rise reflected Mr Newmarch's promotion last year from head of the investment division to chief executive and contained a bonus element arising from record profits in 1989. Profits slipped by 37 per cent to £243.8 million in 1990 and executive bonus payments were expected to decline accordingly.

☐ Sir Bob Reid received a 34 per cent pay rise to £264,183, excluding pension contributions, in 1990, his final year as chairman of Shell UK, whose annual report appeared yesterday. Pre-tax profits fell from £655 million to £412 million.

As chairman of British Rail, a full-time post he has held since October 1990, Sir Bob earns about £200,000. Sir Robert Reid, his forerunner at BR, earned £112,244 in his final year.

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Optical's profits slump

PRE-TAX profits at Optical and Medical International (OMI) slumped from £5.07 million to £2.45 million after a year of restructuring.

Earnings of the instrumentation and design technology group fell from 7.5p to 3.4p per share in the year to end March, leaving a maintained dividend of 5.21p a share, with a 3.46p final, uncovered.

An extraordinary charge of £1.8 million covers closure and restructuring costs. After dividend payments, the retained loss was £2.59 million.

Despite provisions, OMI ended the year with net cash of £3.9 million, which is expected to rise to £5 million during the first quarter of the current year on receipt of further payments from disposals.

Gil Williams, the chief executive, said that the underlying performance of continuing businesses was satisfactory. Positive cashflow from operations and from restructuring provided a base for expansion.

CMW placing

CMW Group, the architectural and interior design company quoted on the USM, has raised £1.4 million by a placing of shares to meet costs associated with the disposal of its American interests in November. CMW also forecast pre-tax profits for the year to end November of not less than £700,000. an 88 per cent increase.

East Surrey up

East Surrey Water, which converted from a statutory water company to a plc in 1989. reports a rise in pre-tax profits from £1.61 million to £3.91 million for the year to end March. Earnings per share were 26.6p. There is a final dividend of 5p, making 8p. Turnover advanced from £14 million to £16.6 million.

Bond backing

Convertible bondholders in Britain. representing more than a third of the Aus$1.9 billion (£832 million) owed to creditors of Bond Corp Holdings. yesterday backed the company's survival programme, overwhelmingly approving the scheme of arrangement.

Deal is cleared

Morgan Crucible's acquisition a year ago of some of the businesses of American Manville Corp has been cleared by the monopolies commission.

Severn issue

Severn Trent, the privatised water company, has raised £150 million by an issue of eight-year bonds, lead managed by Baring Brothers.

Shoprite offer

Shoprite Group, the Isle of Man retailer, is raising £3.9 million by a placing and open offer to shareholders to partly fund expansion in Scotland.

Nokia sale to ICL boosts Japan's hold on computers

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

JAPAN has taken another step towards swallowing Europe's computer industry. ICL, the British subsidiary of Fujitsu of Japan, has announced the £230 million acquisition of Nokia Data, the Finnish information systems group.

The deal is likely to cause concern in some quarters of the European Commission, which recently urged Europe's ailing computer manufacturers to increase co-operation in an attempt to stem Japan's growing dominance of the industry.

Yesterday's deal could exacerbate ICL's increasing isolation in Europe, which started with the takeover last year of ICL by Fujitsu, the world's second largest computer group. That was followed by ICL being banned from the Round Table, the pressure group of Europe's electronics industry. ICL has also been banned from three small projects under the EC Jessi semiconductor research project.

The takeover comes amid anxiety over European protectionism against Japan.

Last week, Edith Cresson, the French prime minister, launched an investigation into a proposed Franco-Japanese link, under which NEC, the Japanese computer company, would have taken a 5 per cent stake in Bull, the French computer group, which is one of ICL's competitors. Political pressure is mounting in Europe on companies such as ICL, which, like the Japanese car "transplant factories" in Britain, might be in danger of being considered non-European.

Yesterday's deal will create a company with $4 billion in sales worldwide, of which $3.5 billion will be in Europe. Under the agreement, ICL will pay £50 million in cash and £180 million through preference shares. Nokia will take a 5 per cent share in ICL when the company is refloated on the stock market, which is expected within the next five years.

At present, Fujitsu has a controlling 80 per cent stake in ICL.

Peter Bonfield, ICL's chairman and chief executive, said: "This will place the new company in the top two in the UK, Finland, Sweden and Denmark, and, together with its majority shareholder Fujitsu, in Spain. It significantly strengthens ICL's market positions in Germany, France and the Netherlands, and it greatly enhances our position in the retail, government and finance sectors."

The transaction will be completed on September 30, and is subject to approval by the European merger authority in Brussels.

The deal is unlikely to lead to an EC investigation because it will largely affect Scandinavia, which is outside the EC's jurisdiction.

Nokia Data produces computers used by banks, insurance and travel companies, and for public administration. The computers are made in Finland and Sweden, and are sold through subsidiaries in ten European countries.

Net sales were $1.2 billion last year, which compares with ICL's £1.6 billion ($2.8 billion) sales.

The merged group will have more than 27,000 employees, but ICL said about 24,000 staff would be employed in Europe.

Provision warning at MEPC

By MATTHEW BOND

SIR Christopher Benson, chairman of MEPC, has said that Britain's second-biggest property company may have to make provisions against the value of its development projects this September. MEPC's biggest development is Alban Gate, a 400,000 sq ft City office development spanning London Wall, now due for completion this autumn.

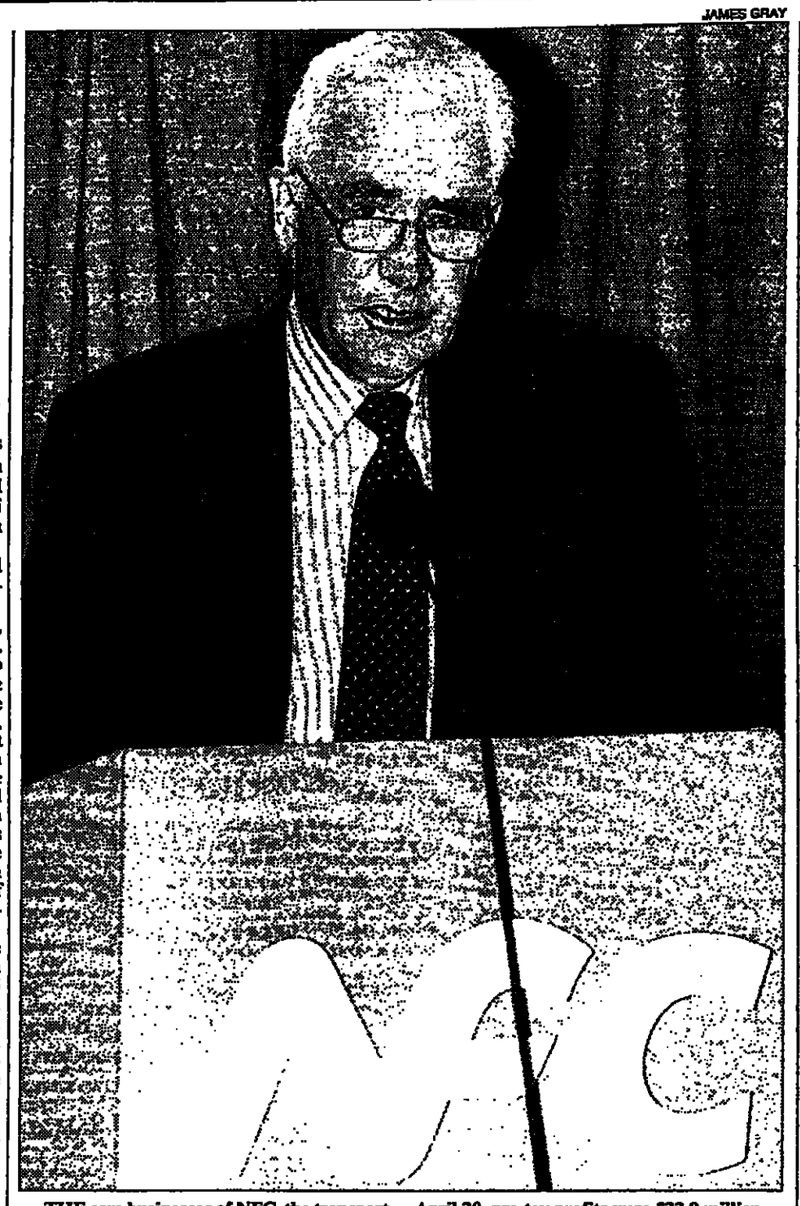
The company has acknowledged that Alban Gate is over budget and behind schedule. Roger Squire, the main board director widely credited as the driving force behind many of MEPC's developments, resigned three weeks ago.

Two months ago a highly critical circular from Salomon Brothers International estimated that 43 per cent of the company's development programme was directed towards the City, at a time when "an unprecedented amount of empty space has hit the City market". Coupled with similar but smaller problems in the West End, Christopher Walls, a Salomons analyst, estimated that the company could make provisions of £50 million.

Sir Christoper would not be drawn on the size of any possible provision. His warning accompanied interim results showing pre-tax profits dropping 13 per cent to £67.4 million. The interim dividend was held at 5.25p.

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JAMES GRAY



THE core businesses of NFC, the transport and removals group, performed well against the recession, according to James Watson (above), the chairman. In the 28 weeks to April 20, pre-tax profits were £33.9 million (£40.5 million in the comparable 29 weeks last year). A second interim dividend of 1.3p (1.1p) makes 2.5p (2.1p) Tempus, page 23

Ghost of Hanson disappears in a puff of BAT smoke

By COLIN CAMPBELL

THE ghost of Hanson — real and/or imaginary — looms everywhere these days.

Yesterday, it was the spectre's turn at BAT Industries' annual meeting. Somebody had noted that 56 per cent of the group is owned by 17,157 nominee companies compared with a 56 per cent stake by 9,638 nominee companies a year ago. "We all know what Hanson has done to ICI," the "concerned" shareholder said, wanting to know if Hanson was in BAT's backyard.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, chairman — with a twinkle in his eye — gleefully replied yes, he was aware of what Hanson had done with ICI in buying a 2.8 per cent stake. But no, Lord Hanson was not in the backyard because BAT had served a clutch of 212 Companies Act notices on him over the year that require admission of share ownership.

Without the fear, or possible excitement, of another takeover assault in the wings, shareholders were left to mull over the chairman's warning not to read too much into the first quarter's results, which showed a 40 per cent pre-tax profit advance, and that a downturn in the second quarter was likely. The year 1991 should not be too bad, he suggested, and a first interim dividend of 10.8p (10p) was declared. Tobacco interests should continue to enjoy volume growth. The health of financial services would depend on stock market conditions.

The board was given its berating for being involved in the tobacco business, and was again asked if it would not give up the "filthy business". "No", Sir Patrick said, having just been congratulated for being seen for the first time ever by the shareholder without a cigarette in his hand.

Pointedly, the no smoking signs in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre had been covered for the meeting, and ashtrays provided. With the meeting over, smokers on the board were quick to light up — if only to blow the ghost of Hanson away.

Saatchi issues a profits warning

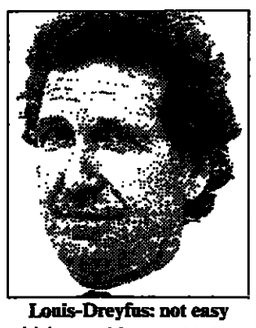
By JON ASHWORTH

SAATCHI & Saatchi, the troubled advertising group, has raised £11 million from the sale of works of art. But the news was not enough to soothe shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting in London, who were told that interest charges are costing the group £2.2 million a month.

Robert Louis-Dreyfus, the chief executive, said steps to cut costs were likely to depress results in the first half of 1991. He said the group was unlikely to return to profit until the second half of the year at the earliest, and probably would not do so until 1992.

Mr Louis-Dreyfus said the severity of the present recession meant there would be "no quick or easy return to the profitability of previous years".

Maurice Saatchi, the chairman, came under renewed criticism, with Arnold Landau, a shareholder, saying it was "ridiculous" to grant such a large salary. Mr Saatchi saw his salary fall from a maximum of £625,000 in 1989 to between £435,000 and £440,000 in 1990. His present salary is £310,000. Shares in Saatchi & Saatchi have fallen from a peak of 700p to a low of 12.5p. They closed at 18.5p.



Louis-Dreyfus: not easy

Chillington cuts final dividend

By PHILIP PANGALOS

CHILLINGTON Corporation, the industrial, property and plantations group, has slashed its final dividend to 0.75p (5p), making 2.75p (8.25p) for the year, after a slump in full year profits. At the time of last October's £4.9 million open offer of loan stock, the company had indicated that it intended to pay a final dividend of at least 3p.

Pre-tax profits dived to £905,000 (£4.22 million) in the year to end December, on turnover down to £55.3 million (£70.4 million). Reorganisation costs resulted in an extraordinary charge of £1.13 million. There is a 1.2p loss (8.5p earnings) per share.

The company said results for the first half of this year will be poor, but the full year's results should benefit from corrective action already taken. The shares lost 1p to 40p.

GEC links with French in fighter radar project

By ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

EUROPE'S two largest manufacturers of aircraft radar are to join forces to develop a new generation of fighter radars in competition with Hughes of America and Mitsubishi of Japan.

GEC-Marconi, part of General Electric Company of Britain, and Thomson-CSF of France will form a joint venture company to share the costs of developing the technology.

GEC-Marconi is already leading a four-nation consortium engaged in the £300 million development of a radar for the European fighter aircraft (EFA), scheduled to go into production in the mid-Nineties.

Thomson-CSF is leading a consortium developing radar for the Rafale, the next French fighter. Both radars use rotating scanners to hunt targets for the aircraft.

Under a joint venture agreement, the companies expect to spend tens of millions of pounds to prove the technology needed for solid state radar, which will remove the need for a moving scanner and enable targets to be located with greater speed.

Development of new radar technology by the Anglo-French consortium will help to spread risk and cost at the most uncertain stage of the programme.

It also raises the prospect of the resulting system being fitted to aircraft used by all European nations, thus ensuring a sufficiently large market at a time when governments are trying to contain, or reduce, defence spending. The stakes are high.

The radar being developed for the EFA will cost more than £2 million for each plane and the total order is likely to be worth £1 billion to £2 billion, depending upon how many are sold. But the timescales are long, too.

Assuming European governments are willing to fund the final development stage, solid state radar is unlikely to be in full production before the turn of the century.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Boddington extends bid for JA Devenish

BODDINGTON Group has extended its contested bid for JA Devenish, a fellow operator of public houses, until June 11 after receiving acceptances in respect of just 0.33 per cent of the shares. Boddington has yet to receive acceptances from Tom Hedderson, a former director of Devenish, and his family, who gave irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer in respect of their 3.3 per cent shareholding.

Devenish has until tomorrow to issue a profits forecast for the year to end September that was promised to shareholders as part of its defence and will outline the impact of the recent £9.75 million supply agreement with Whitbread. Further details are also awaited of talks with a potential buyer for the company's loss-making brewery in Redruth, Cornwall. The brewery will close by September 30, with the loss of 150 jobs, if agreement cannot be reached. Boddington's ten-for-seven share exchange is worth 217p for each Devenish share. There is a cash alternative of 210p. Shares in Devenish and Boddington were up 1p at 219p and 153p respectively.

Advance at Frank Gates

FRANK G Gates, the east London Ford dealer, lifted pre-tax profits to £2.39 million (£1.95 million) in the year to end December, due to an exceptional profit of £1.37 million from the disposal of most of its contract hire fleet. Group turnover fell to £70 million (£82.8 million). Earnings per share rose to 6.51p (5.34p). The final dividend is maintained at 2.75p for the year and the shares lost 5p to 85p.

Mid Kent to lift payout

MID Kent Holdings had pre-tax profits of £3.12 million in the six-month period to end March, compared with £6.36 million in the year to end September, following a change in the water firm's year end. Turnover for the six months was £12.4 million, against £23.7 million for the previous year. Earnings per share were 11.7p (27.1p). The six-month dividend is proposed at 4p (3p).

LMS to buy Westpool

LONDON Merchant Securities, the property developer, is to acquire Westpool Investment Trust, the investment holding company that holds 50.9 per cent of its shares. Westpool shareholders will be offered 117 new LMS ordinary shares, 38 new deferred shares and £19.89 in cash for every 100 shares held.

The offer values Westpool at £131 million and represents a 22 per cent premium to the value of Westpool's shares before the announcement. The deal will tidy up the relationship between the two companies, whereby the holding in LMS represented more than 90 per cent of Westpool's assets. In a separate arrangement, the Westpool shareholding in LMS will be cancelled.

Burmah aims to raise £56m

BURMAH Castrol, the lubricants and specialist chemicals group, is raising £56 million through an issue of par-value convertible bonds paying a coupon of 9.5 per cent. The funds will be used to expand the core lubricants business. There is a fixed conversion price of 620p, a premium of 11.9 per cent above Tuesday's mid-market ordinary share price. The shares fell 13p yesterday to 541p.

Edbro cuts dividend

EDBRO, the hydraulic tipper, truck body and skip loader group has slashed its final dividend to 1p (8p), making 2p (11p) for the year, after pre-tax profits dived to £500,000 (£3.6 million) in the year to end March. Sales declined to £29.4 million (£32.9 million). Earnings per share plunge to 5p (28p). The company said profits are unlikely to improve until demand recovers. The shares lost 3p to 115p.

Electrical firms sold

EAST Midlands Electricity is to buy five businesses that comprise the contracting division of Thomas Robinson Group, based in Derby, for £22 million. Three of the companies being acquired, WES Electrical Services, Derek B Haigh and WA Boulting, provide electrical contracting services for industrial and commercial customers nationwide. The other two, Furse Specialist Contracting and WJ Furse, make and install lightening protection equipment and similar products.

East Midlands Electricity, headquartered in Nottingham and one of the 12 regional power companies sold off by the government last year, says the acquisitions will reinforce its existing electrical contracting business.

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ICI and the Major wimp factor

COMMENT

It is surely on the political stage that some of the most fascinating sub-plots in ICI/Hanson drama will be played out. With an election in the offing the likely twists and turns could be painful both to the Government and to Hanson.

For John Major and his cabinet, the vision of Lord's Hanson and White, staunch financial backers of the Conservative party, cast in the role of asset strippers to Britain's leading manufacturer is bad enough. Juxtapose an election and the prospect becomes much worse. Add the possibility that the Government may unavoidably become involved in regulatory decisions close to the election and the affair becomes a political minefield.

As noted here before, this is the season of U turns in Whitehall. The community charge, uprating of child benefit in the budget and most recently a new-style transport policy which steals many of Labour's clothes are the surest indications that some of the most hard-faced aspects of Thatcherism are being softened or dumped as electoral liabilities.

So far there are no signs of a shift in Mr Major's attitude to competition policy while his hard line trade secretary Peter Lilley gives the impression that he is immoveable. But there is political risk in retaining the policy that nothing matters in takeovers but their effects on competition.

Never mind the fact that ICI appears to have lost its way industrially, that its shareholders have fared badly and that its own chairman has expressed dissatisfaction with his company's performance, our largest chemicals company is sure to be cast as the good guy and Hanson as the dark destroyer.

An unholy alliance comprising the manufacturing lobby, all political factions left of centre plus a significant handful of Tories in ICI marginal constituencies can unite behind an image, however false, of ICI as the flagship of British industry.

The dilemma for Mr Major is that if he sticks to his competition policy he could be seen on the hustings as a wimp-like figure passing over to the Brussels eurocrats a key decision on the fate of ICI and the future of Britain's chemicals industry. For without special intervention by Britain, a Hanson/ICI takeover proposal will under the new EC merger policy go directly to Brussels.

Worse for Mr Major and all the better for his critics, once in Brussels Sir Leon Brittan's competition directorate will look only at the competition aspects of the proposal.

The issues which are political hot potatoes in Britain like employment, regional implications, opportunities for graduate scientists, research and development will not be even addressed by Sir Leon. The downside for Hanson is that the Government will be forced off the fence on ICI's side in an exercise of political damage limitation. Labour would make much of Whitehall waving through a deal which favoured a sizeable Conservative cash backer. In fact Lord Hanson's act of supreme service to his political ideals might be to do nothing — at least until the election is over.

Warburg wins

Five years, on the class of '86 have gone their separate ways. Then, the phrase "integrated house" was on every merchant banker's lips. Britain's banks geared up for Big Bang by acquiring stockbrokers and jobbers at premium prices.

Each at the outset looked to have a roughly equal chance of success. SG Warburg's figures show how widely the field is now spread. Taken out of context, a 29 per cent fall in profits seems nothing to brag about. But when compared to the microscopic profit at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the fathomless losses at County NatWest and Kleinwort Benson, or the failure of Morgan Grenfell or Citicorp to even stay the course, Warburg's performance during a deep recession seems little short of wondrous

Warburg alone proves there was a grain of truth behind the grandiose plans of the integrated banking and securities house that were once so fashionable. Sir David Scholey, Warburg's chairman, is unlikely to be overcome by a warm glow of success. "Big Bang is old hat," as he neatly puts it.

The bank feels it is now operating in a global market place, and is in a league apart from many of its one-time competitors in the City. Warburg sees its main competitors as Goldman Sachs, Banque Paribas, Deutsche Bank, JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley, and the other few names who have the capital resources, the international presence and the expertise to offer financial services to the world's blue chip companies.

A glance at Warburg's transaction list from the past year proves how rapidly corporate finance is evolving into a worldwide business. The spread of business was almost as broad in equities and fixed interest while Mercury Asset Management sold £500 million in unit trusts to Japanese retail investors through a new subsidiary.

But merchant banking is an inherently volatile, like all 'people' businesses. Staff can defect, taking hard won clients with them, while a botched equity deals can wipe out profits and dent capital. Sir David is right not to be complacent. For now, Warburg is in the major league. Whether it can stay there remains to be seen.

INVESTORS are beginning to set their calendars by Queens Moat Houses' cash calls.

QMH has never been afraid of asking the City to pay for acquisitions, although it took some nerve to launch its latest fund-raising on the day it was to face shareholders at its annual meeting. Stronger nerves may have been needed had the venue been the City, rather than Sheffield.

So far, there has been no shortage of contributors when the hat is passed round and they have been rewarded with average earnings growth of 26 per cent a year since 1981.

But reading between the lines of yesterday's £184 million rights issue of convertible preference shares, there are signs that the appetite for QMH paper is diminishing.

After raising £144 million through a rights issue in 1989 and winning an all-shares bid for Norfolk Capital last year, institutions were bound to oppose absorbing more ordinary paper unless it was keenly priced.

Anxious to avoid dilution, QMH opted for convertibles but Charterhouse, the underwriters, still managed to extract favourable terms for investors. The gross yield is 10 per cent, generous for a company with such a strong track record. On full conversion the new shares would represent 16.8 per cent of QMH's enlarged equity base.

Gearing will come down to 42 per cent although there is no promise to resist the temptation to buy more hotels. Despite lower interest charges, earnings may still fall from 8.75p a share to 7.72p, putting existing ordinary shares at 86p on a prospective p/e of 11. The new shares, convertible into ordinary equity at 98p, look more enticing.

TEMPUS

Queens Moat Houses calls for further £184 million



Seeing improvement: Michael Green of Carlton

Carlton

IS CARLTON Communications' chief Michael Green the first company chairman to have glimpsed the end of the recession? He claims to see indications of improvement in the industry, a view supported by a surprise 10.7 per cent lift in the interim dividend, which sparked an 18p rise in the share price to 454p.

It is a long time since Carlton has given the market anything to enthuse over, half-year trading performance included. Profits tumbled from £64.9 million to £46.3 million, which includes £9.13 million interest on the Cosworth cash, and, despite a couple of points off the tax rate, earnings dip from 22.02p to 15.13p.

The good news was the television and film services division's improved showing, reflecting the resistance of cinema-going to recession. Less happy was the video cassette operation, which lacked a big-selling release.

Worse still, with profits more than halved to £9.2 million, was the high-tech products arm. Recession and impending franchise reallocations restricted customer spending, although market share was held. This is where recovery is beginning to show.

Carlton can expect only £103 million before tax for the full year, producing 34.4p of earnings, says Kleinwort Benson's Bronwen Maddox, indicating a current multiple of 13.2. Uncertainty over the fate of its television franchise applications makes valuation difficult, but the £126 million cash balance and positive cash generation should underpin the current price.

NFC

NFC appears to have a problem on its hands while waiting for the economic activity that drives its core business to pick up. What should it do with its loss-making Pickfords Travel and slow-moving property assets?

Had it not been for a £5.6 million loss (£3.9 million loss) within the travel division — a seasonal business, which also suffered because of the Gulf war — and reduced property profits of £3.1 million against £10.7 million, NFC's interim results to April 20 would have been stronger.

Pre-tax profits were £33.9 million against £40.5 million — an outcome not helped by a lower £8.4 million (£10.3 million) contribution from home services, because of the American recession — though the second interim dividend rises from 1.1p to 1.3p a share.

Margins within the core transport business at 4.8 per cent have some distance to go before challenging 1989's returns of 7.3 per cent, and further restructuring is planned before the costs problem is defeated. There will, however, be further deals in Europe, probably soon.

Year-end profit projections remain £90 million to £95 million, against an actual £97.7 million previously, and, at 166p, the shares trade on 12.8 times prospective earnings.

Elimination of loss makers, and a brighter economy, would help the shares, which, meantime, look fully priced.

MEPC

A YEAR ago the property sector was expecting MEPC's September year-end to mark the bottom of the property cycle. It did not. One year on and nothing has changed. The property slump has gone on longer and been more severe than virtually anyone could have imagined.

As a result, it came as little surprise that interim results from Britain's second biggest property company were accompanied by a warning of possible provisions to be taken on development properties come this September's year-end. Analysts, forewarned by last week's results from Land Securities, reacted relatively calmly, reducing their net asset value forecasts by 30p or so to around 680-700p, down from 790p last time.

MEPC's rental income may have risen 16 per cent to £149 million, but this is more than cancelled out by total interest charges which, if capitalised interest is included, rose from £61.3 million to £76.9 million. Pre-tax profits dropped by 13 per cent to £67.4 million. The dismal message to shareholders was spelt out by an unchanged final dividend of 5.25p.

The good news is that MEPC's gearing is only just above 50 per cent. But with the shares at 490p, on a discount to NAV of 29 per cent, any upside is dependent on a letting of Alban Gate, its 400,000 sq ft City office project.

Toyota workers given test drive

GETTING a job at all, with almost 2.2 million unemployed, is hard. Getting a job in Derby, with more than 11,000 people already out of work and Rolls-Royce just announcing 6,000 redundancies, is harder again. But production line work at Toyota's new car plant outside Derby may be the most difficult jobs to get in Britain.

At its new plant, now well under construction at Burnaston, just outside Derby, the Japanese carmaker, will require all employees — including on-the-line production workers — to pass rigorous and extensive recruitment tests and interviews that could mean that nobody will be employed without some 14 hours' of examination.

Though such searching procedures are fairly commonplace for senior management in British companies, recruitment specialists believe that what Toyota is planning will be the most detailed and extensive applied to factory line workers in Britain.

While Toyota will not offer lifetime employment in Britain, as it does in Japan, the stable workforce it hopes to recruit here, partly as a result of these procedures, will come close to that goal.

Toyota, Japan's largest car manufacturer, plans to begin production in December next year at the £400 million plant. In the first phase, with an annual production target of 100,000 family cars, the plant will employ 1,700 workers, with a further 200 at its sister engine factory on Deeside, in North Wales. This will rise to 3,300 in all under phase two, with 200,000 cars a year.

The bulk of the production workers will be hired early next year but potential staff are already going through the elaborate recruitment procedure. Toyota's aim is to ensure as high a quality of staff as possible and to reduce labour problems to a minimum by recruiting what it feels are the right people before start-up.

> 'The company aims to reduce labour problems to a minimum by recruiting the right people before start-up'

Bryan Jackson, director of corporate affairs at Toyota UK, said: "We don't want the old subjective interview process. We are trying to get as much information as possible on an individual over a long period, not just 45 minutes."

Applicants will spend the first 10 hours with an officer from DDI, the recruitment consultants. They will first be required to complete a lengthy application form, which could take up to two hours to do. They will then all attend a local college for psychological and other tests that could last up to eight hours. Staff with specialist skills could have up to six hours of technical tests.

Testing may take place over the weekend — partly to assist those already working elsewhere, but partly to see which applicants are committed enough to give up a weekend to land a job with Toyota.

Only when these stages are complete do the applicants meet anyone from Toyota.

They will be interviewed first by the department to which they would be assigned, with a second interview likely to follow. Each interview could last up up to two hours. Only then will job offers be made. Mr Jackson said: "If you get the offer of a job, you have already achieved something for the company."

Recruitment specialists rate the Toyota hiring procedure as one of the most extensive and innovative ever used in Britain. Paula Grayson, of the Institute of Personnel Management, said: "It would seem that they have taken the same recruitment commitment you would give to a £60,000 a year manager and given it to a £12,000 a year production worker."

She said that while some companies did ask production workers to go through a form of shortened attitude testing, the Toyota procedure was "very unusual" for the UK.

Toyota made it clear it had not yet set pay rates for its production employees, but said they would be paying the market rate for the local labour market in Derby. Rolls-Royce is currently trying to negotiate a pay freeze for all its 34,000 employees after being forced to withdraw letters sacking the entire workforce as part of a ploy to force through such a freeze.

In the kind of economic and industrial climate signalled by such developments, many potential recruits for Toyota may find jobs at the Japanese car plant on the A38 hard to get — but well worth getting, nevertheless.

PHILIP BASSETT
Industrial Editor

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Two leave County

COUNTY NatWest has lost two top market-makers in quick succession. Jeremy Lyon, a director of County, and Giles Dimmock left on Friday. Two unnamed analysts have also gone, adding to the bleak picture. Lyon, aged 49, became a familiar name in the Square Mile during his time at CD Pinchin Denny, the jobber, which was taken over by Morgan Grenfell. He joined County in 1989. Lord Alexander of Weedon, the chairman of National Westminster Bank, gave warning this year that County, its securities arm, had two years to become profitable or face closure.

Funds dry up

THE Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) has abandoned its traditional cocktail party at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September, underlining the gloomy state of trade. The SMMT usually holds a reception for British manufacturers and guests at each of the main motor shows. But it says that, after talking to its members and reviewing this year's Budget — no doubt slim as a result of cutbacks in the industry this year — there will be no drinks at the biggest European show of the year.



'An early call? Certainly sir — we are currently offering one convertible preference for every five ordinaries.'

Bitter choice

DAVID Thompson, the high profile chairman of The Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries, believes he knows exactly when it is the right time to increase the price of a pint. Apparently, there is less resistance to higher prices in the early autumn because, he says, regulars who have been drinking bland European beer on holiday cannot wait to get back to a pint of Banks's, W&D's legendary brew. "It's nectar," he adds modestly. Thompson, however, is not so sure what to do with some of the property that W&D has been left with after closing some pubs. "We have already exhausted the market for bicycle repair workshops."

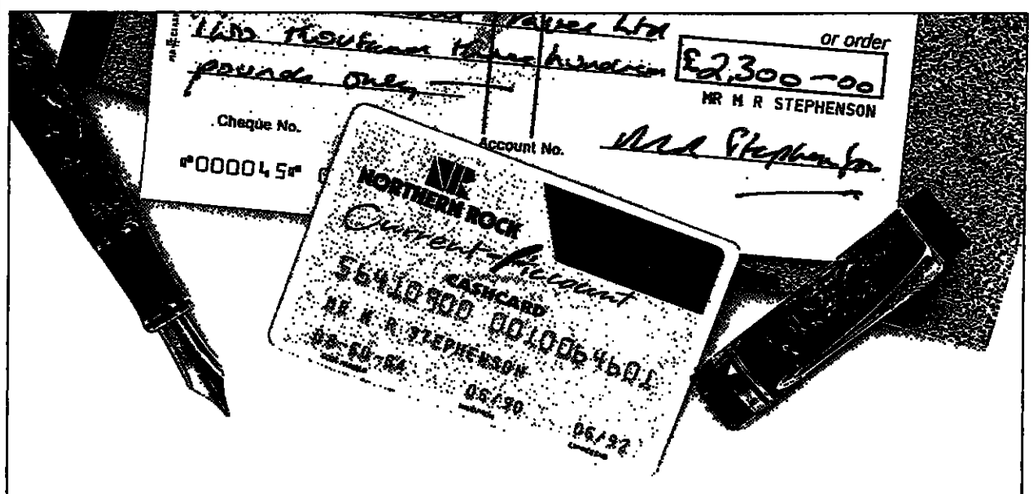
Empty Victory

SIGN of the times. Victory Reinsurance, the former Legal & General subsidiary sold to a Dutch group for £122 million last year, has laid off up to 50 employees at its Folkestone offices. The cuts, to be announced today, come at an increasingly difficult time for the reinsurance market, which is being hit by low rates and big claims. Netherlands Reinsurance Group, based in Amsterdam, bought Victory last July. Lawrence Maxfield, Victory's company secretary, was reluctant to give further details.

Setting sail

EDWARD Collier, a banking consultant at Ernst & Young, sets sail from Falmouth on Saturday on the Azores and Back Race, a tough challenge by any standards. "It is my first ocean race," says Collier, aged 30, who hopes to complete the trip in two to three weeks. One hopes he will have more success than a past entrant — an unnamed Ernst & Young partner — who slunk back to his desk several weeks late. Collier has already raised at least £1,000 for research into muscular dystrophy, without even getting his feet wet.

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	123
Aberforth Split (100p)	106
Alliance Res	22 –1
Alpine Group	18
Brabant Res (155p)	132
CMW Group	57 –3
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102
ECU Trust (50p)	42
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
Eidos	50
East Germany Inv (100p)	111
Elsnbrook	64
Faber Prest	159
Geared Inc (100p)	106
Globe Pet	40
Greencore	221 +1
Headline Book (100p)	123
MMEC	¾
Malvern UK	102
Manpower	£12½
Mirror Group (125p)	113 –3
Natl Power (175p)	139½
Oryx Gold	194
Powergen (175p)	145½ –½
River&Merc Smlr (100p)	102 –1
St James Place	79
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	77
TR Euro Growth	101
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40

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RIGHTS ISSUES

Argyll N/P	41 +2
Benchmark N/P	¼
Bioplan N/P	1 +½
Cannon Street N/P	1½
Cussins Prop N/P	3
Guinness Mahon N/P	¾
Lovell (V) N/P	2½
Scapa N/P	14
Tr High Inc N/P	2
Westminster N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		General	5765.59 (+25.10)
Dow Jones	2970.26 (+11.40)*	Paris: CAC	484.26 (+2.30)
S&P Composite	383.13 (+1.19)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	548.5 (–1.6)
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	25495.41 (+104.74)	FT.–A All-Share	1199.48 (+4.63)
Hong Kong:		FT.– "500"	1326.93 (+4.90)
Hang Seng	3625.39 (+30.61)	FT. Gold Mines	172.0 (+7.0)
FT-SE Euro 100	1140.74 (+2.39)	FT. Fixed Interest	93.63 (+0.16)
Amsterdam:		FT. Govt Secs	84.35 (–0.04)
CBS Tendency	94.5 (same)	Bargains	25021
Sydney: AO	1504.4 (–13.8)	SEAQ Volume	439.2m
Frankfurt: DAX	1681.53 (–0.61)	USM (Datastream)	136.37 (–0.56)
Brussels:		*Denotes latest trading price	

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,252	CU	809	Lucas	708	Royal Ins	657
Allid-Lyons	3,127	Courtaulds	1,088	M&S	4,281	Sainsbury	899
Anglian	413	Enterprise	361	Maxwell Cm	1,057	Scot & N	687
ASDA	7,227	Eurotunnel	725	MEPC	376	Sears	2,494
AB Foods	267	Fisons	1,880	Midland	1,089	Severn Trnt	562
Argyll	1,345	Gen Acc	903	Nat Power	10,880	Shell	2,681
BAA	3,299	GEC	6,318	Nat West	2,845	Smith & N	2,790
BET	1,117	Glaxo	2,678	N W Water	2,478	SK Beech	722
BTR	2,032	Grand Met	932	P&O	593	Sun Allince	713
BAT	866	GUS 'A'	273	Pearson	1,436	Tarmac	1,836
Barclays	1,928	GRE	1,114	Pilkington	1,610	Tate Lyle	373
Bass	169	Guinness	1,393	PowerGen	4,243	TSB	2,077
BICC	296	Hamm 'A'	359	Prudential	2,890	Tesco	1,802
Bk Scotind	1,333	Hanson	4,272	Racal	2,466	Thames Wtr	697
Blue Circle	1,863	H & C	3,853	Rk Hovis	1,325	Thorn EMI	425
BOC	538	Hawker	2,325	Rank	436	Trafalgar	1,144
Boots	320	Hillsdown	1,139	R&C	397	THF	2,307
Br Aero	1,727	ICI	798	Redland	1,031	Ultramar	881
Br Airways	3,584	Kingfisher	963	Reed	2,667	Unilever	1,938
Br Gas	4,375	Lasmo	586	Reuters	532	United Bis	928
Br Petrol	5,092	Ladbroke	2,674	RMC Gp	213	Wellcome	535
Br Steel	4,969	Land Sec	572	RTZ	937	Whitbrd	258
Br Telecm	8,448	L&G	595	R-Royce	6,173	Wlg Teapa	390
C&W	3,392	Lloyds	1,092	Rothmn 'B'	52	Williams	1,280
Cadbury	807	Lonrho	1,024	Royal Bank	1,206	Wills Cor	1,442

STOCK MARKET

Cazenove reduces profit forecasts for two clients

CAZENOVE, the broker, has caused a stir in the Square Mile by sharply downgrading its profit estimates for two of its bigger client companies.

Harrisons & Crosfield, the chemicals and plantations group, was the first casualty, touching 132p before rallying to close only 3p lighter at 139p, after Cazenove cut its estimate of pre-tax profits for the current year from £105 million to £90 million. H&C made profits of £106.1 million last year. Cazenove's analysts have also reduced their forecast for next year to £110 million. As usual, the broker refused to comment.

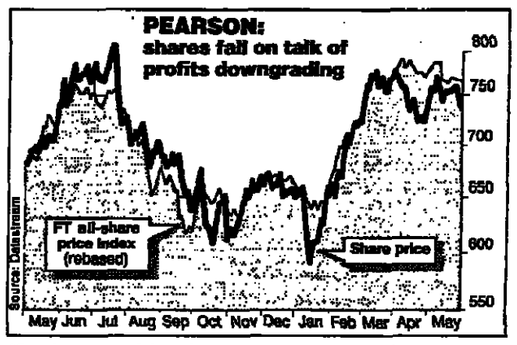
The City believes that H&C is unhappy about next year's reduced forecast of £110 million. H&C issued a warning earlier this month that it was unlikely to match last year's profits of £57.5 million at the halfway stage and it saw no signs of recovery.

Cazenove has also been looking at Pearson, whose interests range from the Lazards merchant bank, Royal Doulton china and Penguin Publishing to Madame Tussaud's and the *Financial Times*. The broker is thought to have reduced its profit forecast by almost £50 million to £186 million for the current year. Pearson dropped 24p to 735p, after 722p.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market continued to edge forward, encouraged by a 45-point overnight rise on Wall Street. Turnover showed an improvement on Tuesday's depressed levels but remained thin with 439 million shares traded.

Dealers said that the futures market took up the early running as the FT-SE 100 June series rose above the 2,500 level. In the cash market, the index finished close to its best for the day with a rise of 13.2 to 2,492.9. The FT index of 30 shares also added 9.9 to 1,946.9. There are now only two days of this account left and fund managers, faced with the worsening economic outlook, are in no hurry to open new positions.

Government securities remained overshadowed by the prospect of further funding. Prices at the longer end gave up gains of £¼, while, in shorts, prices finished £⅛ lower.



On the day Burmah launched a £56 million bond issue, its shares were hit by a profit downgrading. Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has cut its forecast for the current year by £15 million to £90 million, blaming the recession. Kleinwort believes that Foseco, Burmah's recent acquisition, may also be finding the going difficult. The shares fell 18p to 536p.

Bid hopes continued to bolster **Asda**, the supermarket chain, 6p better at 115p as more than 7 million shares changed hands. The speculators claim that the persistent heavy turnover in the shares suggests that someone is building a stake.

Blue Circle Industries, Britain's biggest cement producer, eased 2p to 240p as Sir Peter Walters, the chairman, gave a warning that market conditions had continued to worsen. He said that trading in the first half had been difficult with cement sales expected to fall 12 per cent this year.

Taylor Woodrow cheapened 4p to 222p after a seminar for fund managers, arranged by Hoare Govett, the broker.

Tipbook, the container and trailer rental group, rose 9p to 440p, encouraged by the government's decision to urge the increased use of rail transport.

Grand Metropolitan, the drinks and leisure group, rose 7p to 787p, helped by a presentation for more than 70 fund managers, arranged by the company's joint brokers, County NatWest WoodMac and Panmure Gordon.

Meggitt, the engineer, firmed 1p to 85p. Donald Driver, the outgoing chairman, told the annual meeting that both sales and orders were ahead of the corresponding first quarter last year and that he was optimistic about progress despite the economic uncertainty.

Reed International was a nervous market before the full-year figures on Wednesday with the price falling 12p to 392p, after 385p. Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, cut its profit forecast last week by £10 million to £215 million.

MICHAEL CLARK

WALL STREET

New York

PROFIT-TAKING pushed blue chips lower in mid-morning trading but the broad market was steady. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 6 points to 2,952.86. Analysts said that weakness in bellwether share International Business Machines accounted for much of the blue chips' loss. The Dow average jumped by 44.95 points on Tuesday. *(Reuter)*

	May 29 midday	May 28 close		May 29 midday	May 28 close		May 29 midday	May 28 close
Abbott Lab	53¾	53¾	Enron	60¼	59¾	Oryx Energy	35¾	35¾
Aetna Life	40¾	40¾	Entergy	24	24¼	Pac Ent	31	31
Ahmanson	18¾	18¾	Ethyl	29¾	29¾	Pac Gas Elec	28	28
Air Prods	68¾	68¾	Exxon	58¾	58¾	Pac Telesis	39¾	39¾
Albertsons	44¼	46¾	Fed NMA	48¾	48¾	Pacemr	46¾	46¾
Alcan Al	20¾	20¾	Fedd Expra	38¾	38¾	PacMicrop	20¾	21
Allid Stand	29¾	30	Fit Nortstr	84¾	84¾	Pall	37	37¼
Allied Signal	28¾	28	Fluor	48¾	48¾	Paramount	57¾	57¾
Alumin CA	71¾	70¾	FMC	41¾	41¾	Parke-Hardn	27¾	28¾
Am Brands	41¼	40¾	Ford Motor	35¾	34¾	Penney	66¾	66¾
Am Cyanamd	66	65¾	FPL	30¼	30¾	Pennzoil	68¾	67¾
Am EPC	28¾	28¾	Fst Chicago	27¾	28¾	Pepsico	38¾	38¾
Am General	38	38¾	Fst Interst	40	39¾	Pfizer	85¾	86
Am Home	61¼	61¼	Fst Union	21¾	21¾	Phillips Pet	28¾	28¾
Am Intl	88	88¾	Gannett	42¾	42¾	Philips Elec	20¼	20¼
Am Medical	11¾	11¾	Gen Cinema	22¾	23¼	Philp Morris	88	88
Am Stores	86¾	86¾	Gen Elec	74¾	74¾	Philips Dodge	64¼	63
Amer	28	28¾	Gen Mills	58¾	58	Pitney Bow	58¾	58¾
Amer Hess	52¾	52¾	Gen Motors	45¾	46¾	Pncr Corp	12¾	13¾
Amerltech	59¾	59¾	Gen RE	82¾	82¾	PNC Fnd	36¾	36¾
Ameritech	25¾	25	Gen Signal	42¾	41¾	Pnkdle Bats	11¾	12
Amoco	51¾	51¾	Genentech	28¾	28¾	Pnmtd	24¾	24¾
AMP	48	48	Genuine Pts	40¾	40¾	PPG Inds	48	48
AMR	65¾	66¾	Georgia-Pac	62¾	62¾	Procr Gamble	82¾	82¾
Anheuser-B	51¾	50¾	Gillette	57	57¾	Price	57¾	57
Apple Comp	47¾	48	Goodrich	38	38¾	Primerica	33¾	33¾
Archer-Dan	22¾	22¼	Goodyear	28¾	25¾	Pub Service	27¾	25¾
Arkla	18¾	18¾	Grace	31¾	30¾	Quaker Oats	57¾	57¾
Armstrong	27	26¾	Greyhound	24¾	24¾	Ralston Pur	58¾	59¾
Asarco	25¾	25¾	Gt Atlantic	47¾	47¾	Raychem	78¾	78¾
Ashland Oil	62¾	62¾	Gt Western	82¾	82¾	Raytheon	83	82
AT&T	57	56¾	GTE	29¾	29¾	Reebok	22¾	21¾
Atlas Rickfld	122¾	122¾	Halliburn	42	42¾	Roadway	51¾	50¾
Auto DP	58¾	58¾	Heinz	38¾	38	Rockwell	27¾	27¾
Avery Intl	24¼	24	Hercules	38¾	38¾	Rohm Hass	40	39¾
Avnet Prod	43¾	44¾	Hershey Fd	43¾	43¾	Royal Dutch	62¾	62
Baltimore	28¾	28¾	Hewlett Pkd	53¾	53	Rubbermaid	51¾	51
Banc One	38¾	38¾	Hilton Hts	47¾	47¾	Ryntds Mtl	62	61¾
Bankamerica	38¾	38¾	Home Depot	64¾	64¾	Safeco	41¾	41¾
Bard	27	27	Homestake	14¾	14¾	Safeway	38¾	34
Barnett Bk	30¾	30¾	Honeywell	68	67¾	Sara Lee	38¾	38
Bausch Lmb	57¾	56¾	Houston Ind	36¾	36¾	Schlumberger	67¾	68
Bauser Ind	36¾	36¾	Howtnt Ind	47	46¾	Schrng-Ptgh	63¾	63¾
Bec Dickin	77¾	78	Hussmns	21¾	21¾	Scott Paper	43¾	43¾
Bell Atlan	65¾	66	IBM	104¾	105	Seagram	103¾	102¾
Bellsouth	48¾	48¾	IFBF	79¾	80¾	Sears Rbk	30¾	30¾
Bkr Hughes	27	27	Illinois Tw	60¾	61	Sherly Pac	28¾	28¾
Black Decker	12¾	12¾	Inco	33¾	34	Shrmn-Wilms	29¾	29¾
Block	54¾	54¾	Ingsol-Rand	48¾	48¾	Skyline	18¾	18¾
Bnkrs Tst NY	83	83¾	Inland Steel	23	23¾	Smith-on Th	30	30¾
Boeing	46¾	46¾	Intel	52¾	53¾	Southern	27¾	27¾
Boise Casc	26¾	25¾	Intl Paper	68¾	68¾	St Paul	66¾	66¾
Borden	36¾	36¾	ITT	58¾	58¾	Stanley Wk	34¾	34¾
Brist-Myer	84¾	84¾	James River	28	28¾	Stone Cntr	19¾	19¾
Browng-Fer	28¾	28¾	Johnson Jhsn	64	64¼	Sun Co	32¾	32¾
Burl Nth	37¾	38¾	K Mart	18	18¾	Sunstr Hlc	29¾	29¾
CAI	3¾	3¾	Kellogg	58¾	57¾	Super Valu	28¾	28¾
Campbell Sp	80¾	80	Kerr-McGee	42¾	42¾	SW Bell	48¾	48¾
Cap Cities	445	444¾	Kimbly-Clrk	94¼	94¼	Sprint	43¾	43¾
Capital HC	48¼	48¾	Knight-Ridr	32¾	32¾	Sprnco	45¾	45¾
Carolina	48	48	Lilly	80¾	81	Tandem	18¾	18¾
Caterplr	48	47¾	Limited	28¾	28¾	Tandy	32¾	32
CBS	152¾	151¾	Lin Bcstng	67¾	68¾	Tele-comm	16¾	16
Central SW	45¾	45¾	Lincln Nat	48¾	48¾	Telledyne	19¾	19¾
Champion	28¾	28	Litton Ind	62	62¾	Temple-In	43¾	43¾
Chase Man	18¾	19	Lockheed	41¾	42¾	Tenneco	48¾	48¾
Chem Bnkg	21¾	21	Louis-Nsh	24¾	24¾	Texaco	63¾	64¾
Chevron	72¾	73¾	Lubrizol	26¾	26¾	Texas Inst	38¾	37¾
Chrysler	14¾	13¾	Marriott	22¾	23	Texas Util	39¾	39¾
Chubb	66¾	67¾	Marsh Mclen	80¾	81	Textron	39¾	39¾
Cigna	48¾	48	Martin Mar	60	59¾	Thos Betsr	117¾	118¾
Citicorp	16¾	16¾	Masco	23¾	22¾	Thomas Mlrr	32¾	31¾
Clorox Liz	45¾	45	May Dept	68¾	68¾	Thrftwy	28¾	28¾
Clorox	98	98¾	Maytag	15¾	16	Tidewtr	37¾	37¾
Comdtn Edis	37¾	37¾	McDnl Dougl	51¾	51¾	Torchmark	53¾	54¾
CNA Finci	82¾	82	McDonalds	34¾	34¾	Toys R Us	29¾	29¾
Coastal	36¾	36¾	McGraw-Hill	61¾	61	Transcon	33¾	33¾
Coca-Cola	66¾	66¾	MCI Com	30¾	29¾	Travelers	34¾	34¾
Colgate-Pal	40¾	40¾	Mead	34¾	34¾	Tricons	44¼	44¾
Columb Gas	45¾	45¾	Medtronic	110¾	110¾	TRW	40¾	39¾
Compaq	37¾	37¾	Mellon Bk	30¾	30¾	Tyco Lab	48	48¾
Conagra	45¾	45¾	Melville	31¾	30¾	UAL	147¾	148¾
Cons Edis	24¾	24¾	Merck	122¾	122	Un Camp	43¾	42¾
Cons NG	41¾	41¾	Merrl Lynch	39¾	39¾	Un Carbide	19¾	19¾
Cons Rail	64	63¾	MMM	89¾	89¾	Un Pacific	84¾	85¾
Cooper Ind	51¾	51¾	Mobil	84¾	84¾	Unilever	85	84¾
Corning	69¾	69¾	Monsanto	97¾	95¾	Unisys	3¾	3¾
CPC Intl	69¾	69¾	Moore	27¾	28¾	Unocal	25¾	25¾
Crown Cork	72¾	73	Morgan	58¾	54	Upjohn	43¾	43¾
CSX	44¾	44	Motorola	69	70¾	US Bancrp	38¾	38¾
Dana	35¾	35¾	Nat Medical	47¾	47¾	US West	38¾	38¾
Dayton-Hud	76	75¾	Nat Semi	6¾	6¾	Unstr Gp	16¾	16¾
Deere	52¾	52	Nat Service	24¾	24¾	USFilng	17¾	17¾
Delta Air	72¾	73¾	Navistar	3¾	3¾	US Life	40	39¾
Deluxe	40¾	40¾	NCNB	40¾	40	UST	46	45
Detroit Edi	28¾	28¾	NCR	105¾	104¾	USX Mar	n/a	n/a
Digital Eq	66¾	64¾	NED Bkcp	36¾	37¾	Utd Tech	44¾	44
Disnd	128¾	128¾	Newmont Min	39¾	38¾	Utd Telcm	27¾	27¾
Disney	116¾	120¾	Nicor	31¾	15¾	VF	39¾	39¾
Dominion	47¾	47¾	Nike	39¾	40	Wal-Mart	41¾	42
Dorsetky	48¾	48¾	NL Indstrs	14¾	14¾	Waste Mgmt	40¾	40
Dover	40¾	38¾	Nordstrom	44¾	44¾	Wells Fargo	94	94¾
Dow Chem	64	59¾	Norfk Sthn	47¾	47¾	Westg Elec	28¾	27¾
Dow Jones	27¾	27¾	Norwest	28¾	28¾	Weyerhsr	39¾	39¾
Dresr Ind	21¾	21¾	Nthn St Pwr	31¾	31¾	Whrlpool	31¾	31¾
Du Pont	45¾	44¾	Nthn Telcm	38¾	38¾	Whittman	13¾	13¾
Duke Pwr	27¾	27¾	NY Times	22¾	22¾	Wlmt-Dicke	37¾	37¾
Dun Bradst	47¾	48¾	Nynex	70¾	70¾	Woolworth	36¾	36¾
East Kodak	41¾	40¾	Occid Petrl	20¾	20¾	Wrigley	65¾	65¾
Eaton	58¾	58¾	Ohio Ed	19¾	19¾	Wstvco-Lamb	25¾	25¾
Emerson El	46¾	46	Oracle Sys	7¾	8¾	Xerox	68	67¾

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyons (*546)	500	62	80	90	5	11	16
	550	29	50	60	22	29	34
	600	10	26	38	56	62	65
ASDA (*115)	100	19	20	23	1⅝	3½	4½
	110	10½	12	16	4	7	8
	120	4⅜	8	11	9	13	14
Bass (*971)	950	68	93	–	13	25	–
	977	32	63	–	33	45	–
	1025	14	40	–	70	77	–
Boots (*370)	350	43	51	56	4	7	10
	360	17	31	37	12	18	20
	390	5½	17	24	32	36	38
Br Airways (*164)	140	25	27	29	3	5	7
	160	7½	14	18	9	13	15
	180	2½	6½	9	25	27	29
BP (*324)	300	31	37	42	3	6½	10
	330	12	19	25	14	19	22
	360	3½	8	14	39	39	41
Br Steel (*127)	120	9	10	12	4½	7½	9½
	130	2½	5	7½	12	14	15½
	140	1	2½	4	21	22	23
C & W (*506)	500	25	43	55	18	24	30
	550	6½	20	33	53	58	62
	600	1½	8½	18	100	102	103
CU (*497)	460	51	58	70	5	13	15
	500	23	33	48	19	27	35
	550	4	14	26	55	65	68
Courtauld (*397)	360	37	49	56	5½	10½	13
	390	16	30	39	17	25	26
	420	5½	17	25	39	43	44
GEN (*344)	330	28	34	44	7½	16	19
	360	11	19	29	28	32	33
	390	3½	9½	18	48	53	55
Grand Met. (*782)	750	58	76	93	12	23	30
	800	28	48	65	32	45	52
	850	10	27	44	69	78	83
ICI (*1251)	1200	95	117	147	23	47	55
	1250	61	90	120	42	70	75
	1300	38	67	98	75	99	102
Kingfisher (*470)	460	33	47	60	12	20	24
	500	12	28	40	35	40	45
	550	4	13	24	80	80	81
Ladbroke (*268)	260	18	29	34	7½	13	16
	280	9	17	24	19	24	26
	300	4½	10	16	35	37	40
Land Sec (*510)	500	18	33	45	14	18	23
	550	3	12	22	56	56	57
	600	1½	3½	–	104	104	–
M & S (*247)	240	17	27	32	5	7½	10
	260	7	14½	21	15½	16½	20
	280	3	7½	13	33	33	34
Sainsbury (*373)	330	50	61	68	1½	4	7
	360	27	39	47	7	11	15
	390	9½	21	29	21	25	28
Shell (*507)	460	57	68	75	3½	8	11
	500	29	39	50	13	23	27
	550	7	15	28	47	50	53
Smld Bnch (*800)	750	69	90	108	7½	16	21
	800	34	59	78	24	34	41
	850	14	33	55	53	56	58
Storehse (*101)	90	12	15	–	3	5	–
	100	5½	9	–	8	10	–
	110	2½	5½	–	15	17	–
Tarmac (*233)	220	19	31	35	6½	11	16
	240	10	19	25	16	21	27
	260	4	12	16	32	34	39
Ultramar (*299)	280	32	37	–	4	8	–
	300	16	25	32	10	16	19
	330	6	12	20	33	35	38
Unilever (*752)	650	117	137	–	2	4	–
	700	72	95	109	5	10	14
	750	32	60	75	18	28	30
	800	12	33	48	55	57	60
Utd Biscs (*345)	330	46	55	61	1½	5½	8
	360	22	33	41	3½	15	18
	390	8	17	26	25	31	33

Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAA (*430)	390	42	50	65	1	7	10
	420	12	30	40	1½	12	21
	460	1	12	23	39	44	44
BAT Ind (*688)	650	100	103	110	1	4½	11
	650	50	62	72	1	13	24
	700	2	32	43	9	33	45
	750	1	13	24	60	73	80
BTR (*392)	360	33	45	50	1	5	10
	390	3½	24	30	2	15	22
	420	1	11	17	30	34	38
Br Aero (*598)	550	48	71	80	½	10	19
	600	4	37	48	10	27	39
	650	½	17	28	55	58	65
Br Telecm (*380)	330	51	57	60	½	3½	5½
	360	21	30	38	½	5	11
	390	½	11	18	11	24	26
Cadbury (*365)	330	35	46	53	1	4½	7½
	360	5	24	33	1	12	18
	390	½	9	18	29	31	34
Guinness (*948)	850	100	125	137	1	7	14
	900	50	83	103	1¼	15	25
	950	4	50	73	10	33	46
GEC (*197)	180	18	21	24	½	4	5½
	200	¼	7	11½	3½	13	15
	220	½	3	5½	24	30	30
Hanson (*216)	200	17	21	28	½	4	6
	220	½	9¼	15¾	4½	12	14½
	240	½	3½	8	24½	28	28½
LASMO (*320)	300	24	28	–	1	9	–
	330	3	20	26	13	22	32
	360	1	11	19	42	45	50
P & O (*578)	550	27	50	57	1	13	25
	600	1	23	36	30	38	50
	650	1	9	15	80	80	85
Pilkington (*174)	160	15	18	24	½	9	12
	180	1	8½	15	7	22	22
	200	½	4½	8	27	28	29
Prudential (*225)	220	6	19	24	1	7½	12
	240		9½	13	16	19	22
	260	½	4	7½	36	35	37

Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Racal (*235)	200	30	35	42	½	4	7
	220	10	21	29	1	11	14
	240	¾	11½	18½	13	22	25
	260	½	6½	12	33	37	39
RTZ (*525)	460	67	80	86	1	3½	8
	500	27	46	58	1	11	18
	550	1	21	30	28	34	42
	600	1	7	14	78	78	82
Scot Newc (*391)	330	65	70	–	1	2	–
	360	35	48	50	1	7½	9½
	390	5	22	32	1½	19	23
	420	1	9	19	39	39	43
Tesco (*285)	253	32	40	–	½	2½	–
	280	6½	19	25	1½	6½	11
	300	1	9	15	19	20	23
Thames W. (*308)	280	29	33	36	¼	6	9
	300	10	17	21	½	14	18
	330	1	6	9	24	37	36
Lucas (*154)	140	16	23	26	1	4½	7
	160	½	9½	15	8	11	16
	180	½	4	7	27	27	29

Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons (*482)	420	71	93	91	1¼	5	7½
	460	37	52	63	7½	14	17
	500	14	29	40	27	33	36

Series	Jan	Sep	Dec	Jan	Sep	Dec
Abbey Nat. (*285)	240	48	51	58	1	2	3½
	260	28	34	42	2	4	7½
	280	11	21	28	5½	11	14
Amstrad (*64)	60	6½	10	13	2	4½	6
	70	2	6	7½	7½	9½	11
	80	¼	3	4	17	18	18½
Barclays (*444)	420	34	44	57	5	14	22
	460	7½	23	37	24	32	38
	500	1½	9	19	57	65	65
Blue Circ (*239)	240	8	19	26	9	17	20
	260	3	10	18	24	29	31
	280	1½	5½	10½	42	44	44
Br Gas (*244)	220	28	30	33	1½	5	6½
	240	11	15	20	4½	12½	14
	260	2½	6½	12½	17	26	28
Dixons (*209)	180	24	28	34	2	5½	8

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Enterprise	Oil,Gas	
2	Mcrivale Moore	Property	
3	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Discount	
4	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
5	STR	Industrials A-D	
6	Cook (Wm)	Industrials A-D	
7	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
8	BAA	Transport	
9	Shell	Oil,Gas	
10	Hillsdown	Foods	
11	ASDA Group	Foods	
12	Eurotunnel Units	Transport	
13	Wardle Storeys plc	Chemicals,Plas	
14	Devenish (JA)	Breweries	
15	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
16	Elec Data Process	Electricals	
17	Watson & Philip	Foods	
18	Scot & New	Breweries	
19	GEC	Electricals	
20	Abbey National	Banks,Discount	
21	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
22	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
23	Barclays	Banks,Discount	
24	Polypipe	Industrials L-R	
25	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
26	Eurotherm	Electricals	
27	Lloyds	Banks,Discount	
28	Lex Service	Motors,Aircraft	
29	Racal Telecom	Electricals	
30	Hepworth	Industrials E-K	
31	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
32	Booker	Foods	
33	Grand Met	Breweries	
34	Ladbroke	Hotels,Caterers	
35	Watts Blake	Building,Roads	
36	Cable Wireless	Electricals	
37	Sthrn Water	Water	
38	RHM	Foods	
39	Bailey (Ben) Constr	Building,Roads	
40	Delta	Electricals	
41	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
42	Hopkinsons	Industrials E-K	
43	Laporte	Chemicals,Plas	
44	Rolls-Royce	Motors,Aircraft	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

Three readers shared the £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. Mr G James, of Margate, Kent; Mrs I McLaughlin, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire; and Mr Peter Osborn, of Leeds, each received £666.66p

BRITISH FUNDS

1990/91 High Low Stock | Price | Chg'e | Int only yld% | Gross Red yld%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99⅝	99⅛	Treas	8%	1991	99⅝	● ..	8.16	10.824
99⅝	99⅝	Treas C	10¾	1991	100	.. ..	10.0	11.362
100	99⅝	Exch	11¾	1991	100	.. ..	10.9	10.765
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	11¼pc	1991	99⅝	.. ..	..	..
99⅝	91⅛	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	● ..	9.1	10.888
99⅝	95⅝	Treas	9%	1992	99⅝	.. ..	9.15	10.888
99⅝	97⅝	Treas	10%	1992	99⅝	.. ..	10.05	10.888
100	99⅝	Treas C	12¾%	1992	100	.. ..	12.75	10.888
102⅝	100⅝	Exch	12¾%	1992	102⅝	.. ..	12.43	10.888
101⅜	100⅝	Treas	11¾%	1992	101⅜	.. ..	11.59	10.888
104⅛	103⅛	Exch	13¾%	1992	103⅛	.. ..	13.34	10.888
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	9%	1993	99⅝	.. ..	9.05	10.911
99⅝	94	Treas	8¾%	1993	99⅝	.. ..	8.8	10.911
99⅝	97⅝	Treas	10%	1993	99⅝	.. ..	10.05	10.911
104⅛	103⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	104⅛	.. ..	13.21	10.911
103⅝	103⅛	Treas	13¾%	1993	103⅝	.. ..	13.27	10.911
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	9¾%	1994	99⅝	.. ..	9.77	10.934
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	9%	1994	99⅝	.. ..	9.05	10.934
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	10%	1994	99⅝	● ..	10.05	10.934
103⅝	103⅝	Treas	12¾%	1994	103⅝	.. ..	12.32	10.934
104⅛	103⅛	Exch	13¾%	1994	104⅛	.. ..	13.21	10.934
111⅛	109⅝	Treas	14¾%	1994	110	.. ..	13.41	10.180
80	72⅝	Treas	5%	1995-85	80⅝	.. ..	15.2	10.85
100⅝	99⅝	Treas	10¾%	1995	99⅝	.. ..	10.8	10.974
105⅝	105⅛	Treas	12%	1995	105⅝	.. ..	11.4	10.974
105⅝	105⅛	Treas	12¼%	1995	105⅝	.. ..	11.7	10.974

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

99⅝	99⅝	Treas	9%	1992-96	99⅝	● ..	9.2	10.974
100	99⅝	Exch	10%	1996	99⅝	.. ..	10.1	10.950
112⅛	108	Treas	13¾%	1996	110⅝	.. ..	12.4	10.950
113⅝	109⅝	Treas	14%	1996	113⅝	.. ..	12.4	10.950
119⅝	115⅝	Treas	15¾%	1996	117⅝	.. ..	13.4	10.950
94⅝	89⅝	Treas	8¾%	1997	94⅝	.. ..	9.24	10.919
103⅝	97⅝	Treas	10¾%	1997	103⅝	.. ..	10.4	10.919
113⅝	108⅝	Treas	13¾%	1997	113⅝	.. ..	12.1	10.919
122⅝	117	Exch	15%	1997	118⅝	.. ..	12.7	10.919
85⅝	80⅝	Treas	8¾%	1998-98	84⅝	.. ..	7.96	9.814
99⅝	99⅝	Treas	9¾%	1998	99⅝	.. ..	9.85	10.917
106⅝	104⅝	Treas	12%	1998	106⅝	.. ..	11.1	10.917
107⅝	102⅝	Treas	12¾%	1998	107⅝	.. ..	11.9	10.917
101⅜	95⅝	Treas	10¾%	1998	99⅝	.. ..	10.5	10.917
102⅝	97⅝	Treas	11¼%	1998	102⅝	.. ..	10.9	10.917
111⅛	105⅝	Treas	13¾%	1998	111⅛	.. ..	12.3	10.917
94⅝	89⅝	Exch	9%	2000-04	94⅝	.. ..	9.56	9.814
118⅛	110⅝	Treas	13¾%	2000	113⅝	.. ..	12.1	10.917
100⅝	94⅝	Treas	10%	2001	97⅝	.. ..	10.2	10.341
113⅝	105⅝	Treas	12¾%	2001-01	113⅝	.. ..	11.2	10.379
96⅝	92⅝	Treas	9¾%	2002	96⅝	.. ..	10.1	10.379
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117⅝	114⅝	Treas	13¾%	2002-03	117⅝	.. ..	..	..
99⅝	93⅝	Exch	9¾%	2002-04	97⅝	.. ..	6.19	9.161
97⅝	90⅝	Exch	9¾%	2004	96⅝	.. ..	10.1	10.088
108⅝	102⅝	Treas	11¾%	2001-04	108⅝	.. ..	10.9	10.088
97⅝	90⅝	Exch	9¾%	2005	94⅝	.. ..	10.2	10.088
118⅝	110⅝	Treas	13¾%	2005-08	114⅝	.. ..	11.9	10.488

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

85⅝	79⅝	Treas	8%	2002-06	82⅝	.. ..	9.6	10.258
90	84⅝	Treas	8¾%	2007	87⅝	.. ..	9.97	10.258
112⅝	105⅝	Treas	11¾%	2003-07	107⅝	.. ..	10.7	10.258
94⅝	89⅝	Treas	9%	2008	91⅝	.. ..	9.88	10.258
125⅝	118⅝	Treas	13¾%	2004-08	121⅝	.. ..	11.3	10.379
85⅝	80⅝	Treas	8%	2009	82⅝	.. ..	9.69	10.077
94⅝	88⅝	Treas	9%	2011	91⅝	.. ..	9.87	10.077
83⅝	78⅝	Treas	8¾%	2012-13	80⅝	.. ..	9.7	10.077
83⅝	78⅝	Treas	8¾%	2013-17	80⅝	.. ..	9.7	10.077
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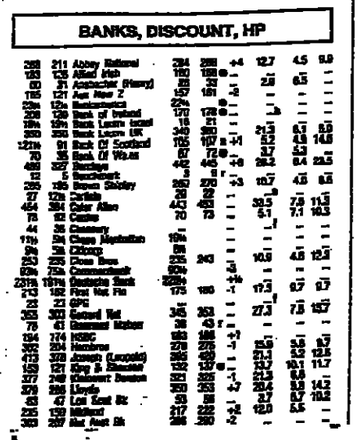
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35⅝	33⅝	Treas	3%			.. ..		
35⅝	33⅝	War Ln	3½%			.. ..		

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112⅝	105⅝	Treas	2%	1992	112⅝	.. ..		
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	2%	1996	115⅝	.. ..		
117⅝	109⅝	Treas	2%	2001	117⅝	.. ..		
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117⅝	109⅝	Treas	2%	2016	117⅝	.. ..		
95⅝	91⅝	Treas	2%	2024	95⅝	+⅛		

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP



STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Shares rise in quiet trading

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 20. Dealings end tomorrow. §Contango day June 3. Settlement day June 10. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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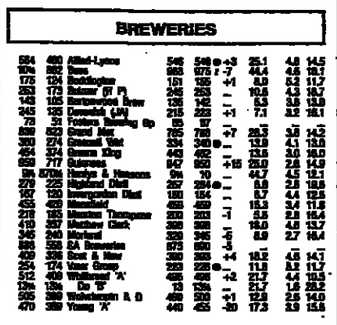
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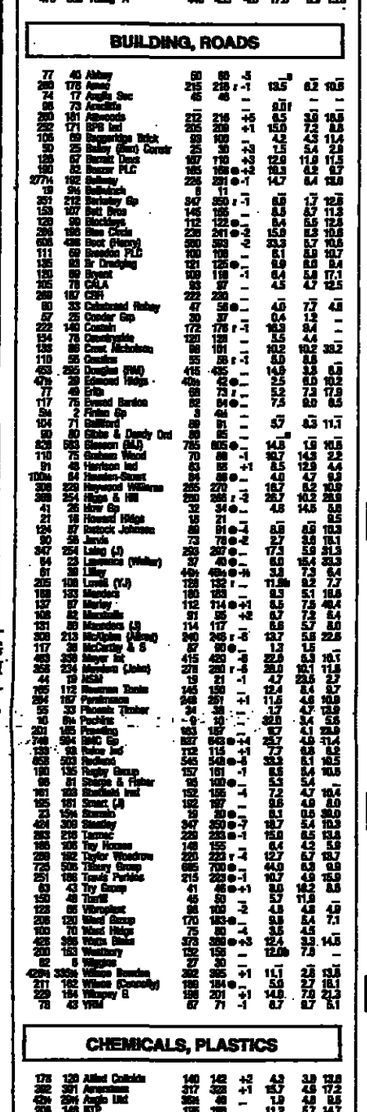
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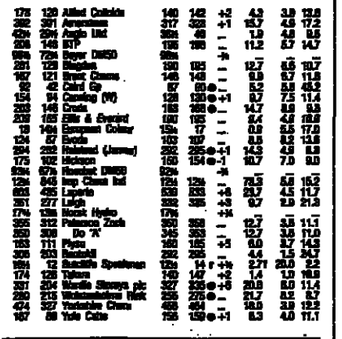
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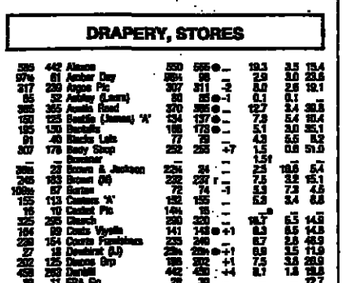
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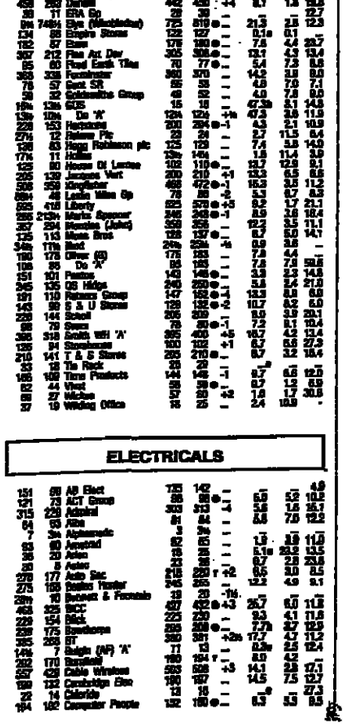
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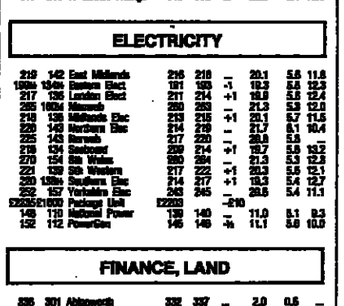
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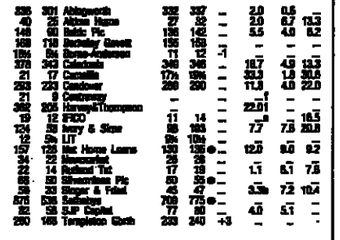
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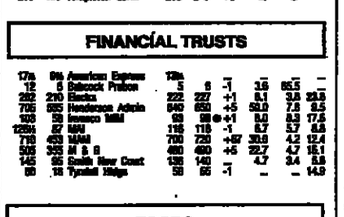
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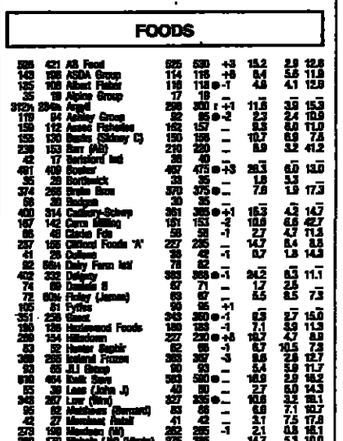
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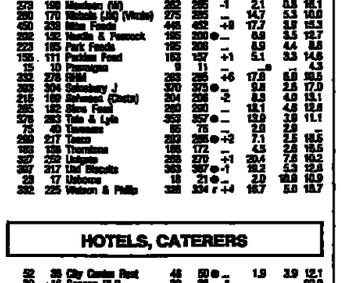
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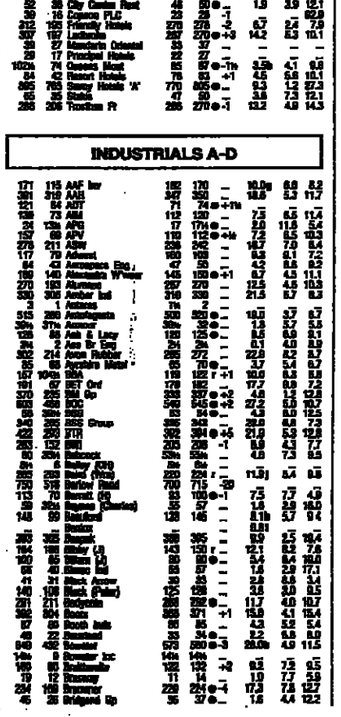
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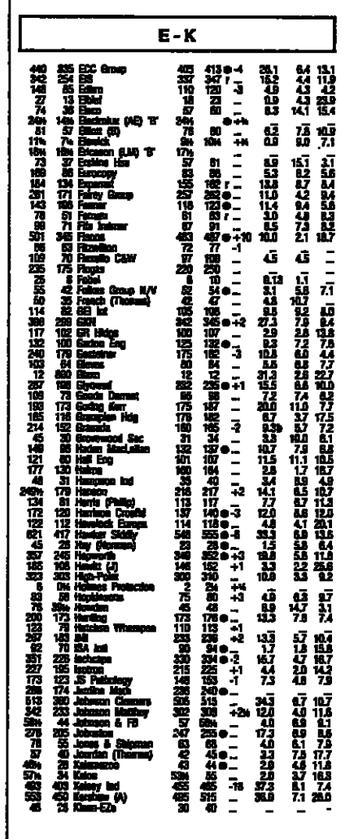
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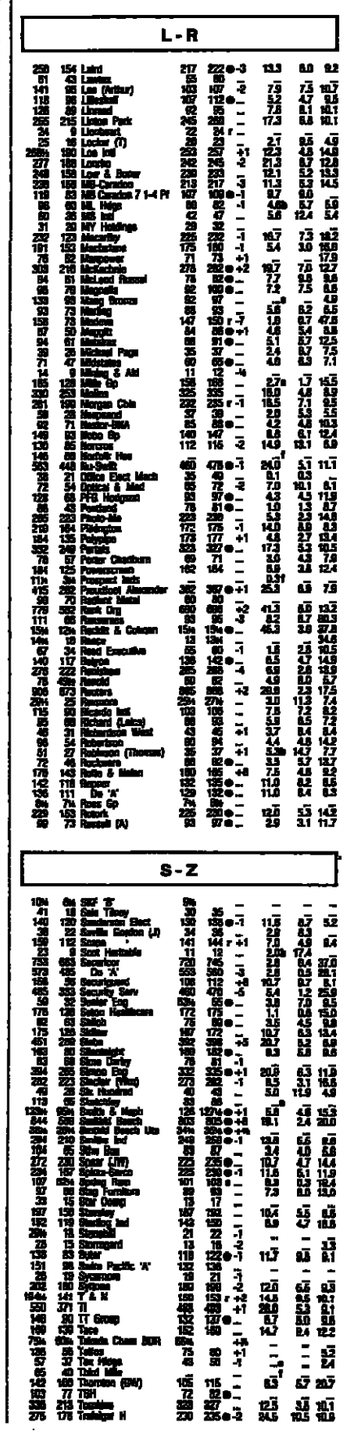
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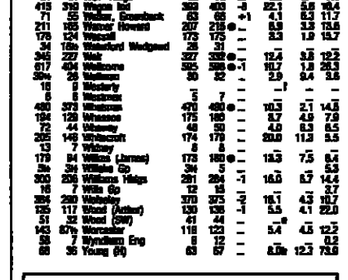


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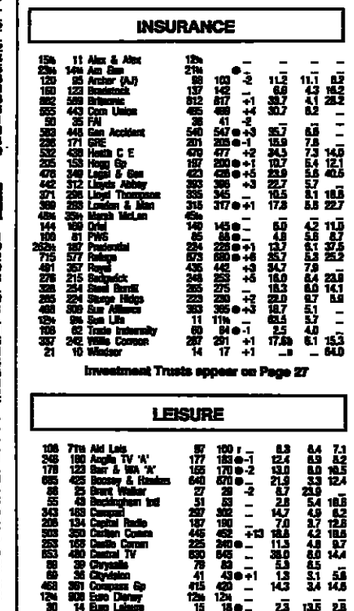
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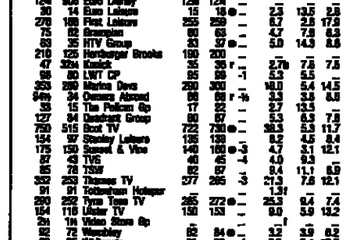


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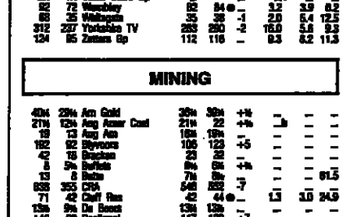
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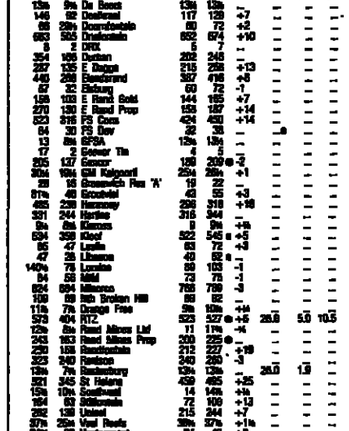
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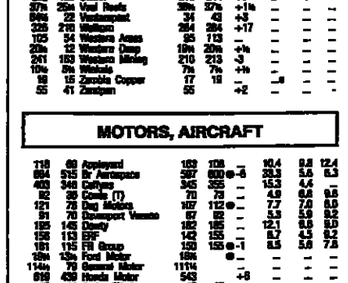
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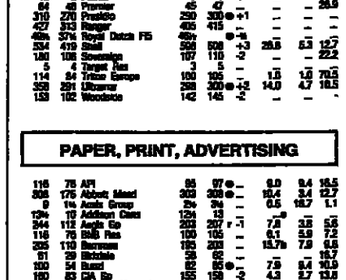
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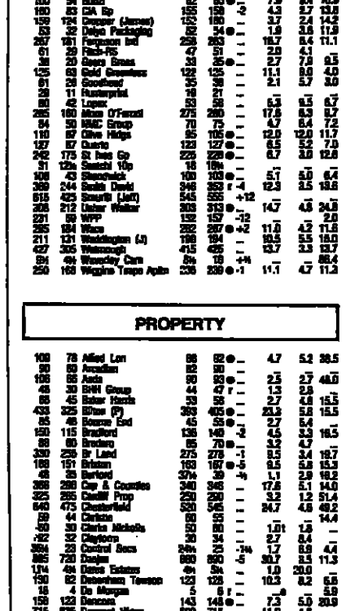
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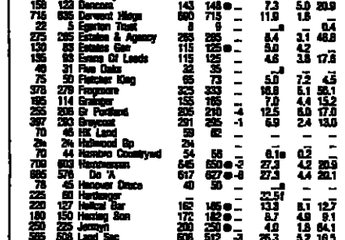
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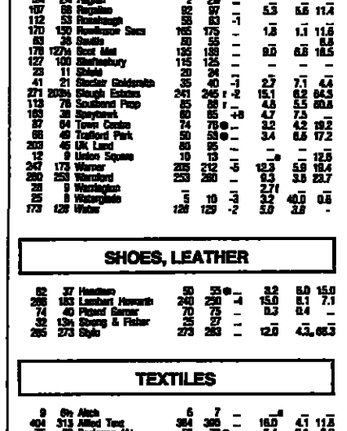
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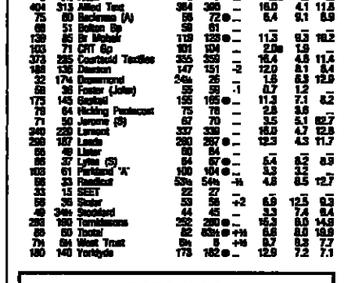
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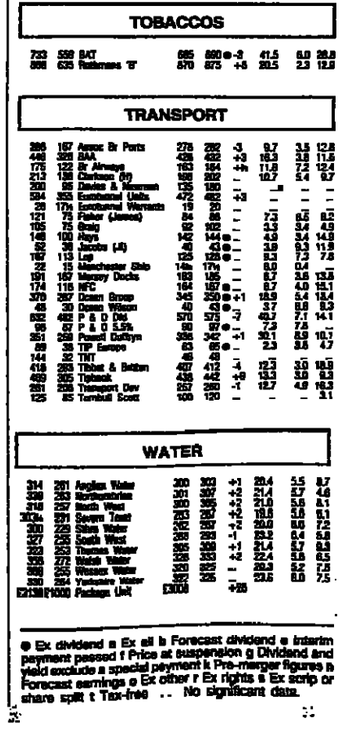
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EC sanctions Fiat alliance with Alcatel

From REUTER IN BRUSSELS


Sir Leon Brittan: victory

THE European Commission has offically approved plans for an alliance between Fiat of Italy and Alcatel-Alsthom of France.

The Commission, which struck a deal with Fiat last week to stop it cornering the French car battery market, gave the go-ahead for Magnetti Marelli, its components division, to take over Alcatel's CEAC battery subsidiary.

This marked the final stage of the first big merger enquiry by the commission since it won sweeping powers to control industrial alliances in a bid to safeguard free competition as the European Community heads towards a single market.

Last week, Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, said Fiat agreed to sell out of Compagnie Française d'Electrochimie, another French battery firm, surrendering 18 per cent of the local battery market. This paved the way for EC approval of the link with Alcatel because it kept Fiat's share of the French battery business below 50 per cent, commission anti-trust experts said.

The approval was a victory for Sir Leon, who was fighting colleagues over how far the commission should go in limiting mergers in the EC market. Commission sources said Martin Bangemann, the German commissioner, failed in a last-ditch effort to persuade the 17-member commission to approve the merger without obliging Fiat to divest control of Compagnie Française d'Electrochimie.

Sir Leon favoured stopping alliances whose affect was limited to regional or national markets. Others wanted to intervene only when deals threatened free competition across a broad swathe of the Community, the sources said.

Southnews suffers loss

SOUTHNEWS, the USM quoted regional newspaper publisher, is passing its final dividend, making 0.8p (4.8p) for the year, after suffering a full-year loss.

A deterioration in trading, resulting in depressed levels of advertising expenditure towards the end of the year and exceptional losses pushed the company to a pre-tax loss of £987,000 (£1.9 million profit) in the year to end March.

Group turnover fell to £16.4 million (£19.1 million) and operating profits fell to £234,000 (£2.06 million). Reorganisation costs led to an exceptional loss of £916,000. Interest costs rose to £305,000 (£169,000). There is a loss per share of 5.24p (8.65p earnings) and the shares lost 4p to 53p.

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Hunter Saphir holds payout

By MARTIN BARROW

HUNTER Saphir is maintaining its dividend for the year at 5.05p a share, despite a decline in pre-tax profits from £5.58 million to £4.87 million in the 12 months to end February.

The fruit and vegetable distributor and food manufacturer issued a trading warning in March when it raised £14.2 million through a convertible share issue.

The fund raising, which reduced gearing from 185 per cent to 65 per cent, was completed just two weeks after bid talks with an unnamed group were terminated.

Turnover rose from £137.67 million to £175.02 million after a 47 per cent increase in fresh produce sales to £119 million. Trading profits, however, were almost unchanged at £6.73 million, (£6.5 million).

An exceptional profit of £2.1 million, arising from an insurance claim on assets damaged by fire at a factory in Northampton, helped operating profits increase from £8 million to £8.8 million.

Interest charges of £3.97 million (£2.47 million) reduced pre-tax profits 13 per cent.

Fully diluted earnings fell to 11.93p (13.89p) a share. An unchanged final dividend of 3.7p a share is recommended.

There was an extraordinary gain of £8 million from disposals. During the year, Hunter Saphir sold its contract distribution businesses for £13 million as part of a plan to refocus the group on higher margin, added-value products, including herbs and spices.

The company acquired Euroma, formerly Ten Doesschate, one of Holland's largest herb and spice businesses, for an initial £13.1 million.

Nicholas Saphir, the chairman and chief executive, said that although turnover continued to grow, difficult trading was putting further pressure on margins. Interest charges would fall as a result of the refinancing but no further exceptional profits were expected.

BUSINESS LETTERS

Investors have concerns too

From Mr David Lindsay

Sir, your "Testing the chemistry" (leading article, May 18) rightly mentioned the concerns of consumers and of R&D, but not of the 350,000 ICI shareholders, the great majority of whom are individuals with their own personal stakes in the company.

We chose to invest in a large and responsible chemical company, most for the long term, and have no desire to be dispossessed, even for a cash bonus, and certainly not to become shareholders in a totally different sort of company. If we had wanted to invest in Hanson we would have done so, as I myself did before it strayed into tobacco, and, while it is still there I certainly have no desire to return.

Government should bear in mind that wider share ownership, which it claims to espouse, means not only more shareholders but greater choice of companies in which to own shares. That is not helped by the removal of a very major company from the Stock Exchange List.

Yours faithfully
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Late payments

From Mr Martin S. Posner

Sir, In reply to Steve Hill's letter (Business Letters, May 21), it is the deliberate policy of many companies, both large and small, to delay payment, as the deposit rates for funds are far higher than the average profits before tax for most UK businesses.

Late payment is also caused because the buyer and seller are not aware of each other's payment terms and no agreement has been made when a contract has been signed.

Yours faithfully,
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Creditors' interests make rescues unlikely

Mr N.S.Bulmer

Sir, your leader of the 20 May (Saving sick businesses) is a timely comment on the administration system under the Insolvency Act 1986, which has proved in practice largely indistinguishable from liquidation. Even the term, "administration", is confusingly similar to "administrative receivership", the procedure initiated by a secured lender to recover his debt out of the assets. Company creditors understandably find it difficult to see any difference between the two, despite the "corporate rescue" intentions of the former and the "corporate realisation" objective of the latter, itself often barely distinguishable from insolvent liquidation.

Altering British business atttitudes, with those also of the professions, may take many years. Your suggestion of a success related fee for the insolvency practitioner if the company is resuscitated is a novel one. Insolvency legislation and professional disciplines aimed at treating creditors' interests as paramount are not easily adapted to allowing some priority to survival of the business. There will be a natural tendency for insolvency practitioners to avoid any further commercial risks and recover for creditors something immediately. Present attitudes ot insolvency and the structure of the Act allow little positive role for directors. Administration operates, like administrative receivership and liquidation, in the footing that it is the inolvency practioner who is in charge of any attempt at rehabilitation. The US "Chapter 11" system, in the absence of fraud or misconduct, allows the directors, who after all are likely to know the business better than any outsider, to continue to manage the business, under the court's supervision, while protected from creditors' enforcement. The assumption in British business practice, and hence in the structure of administration procedure under the Act, is that directors of a company in financial difficulties cannot be trusted with any significantt role in the rehabilitation process. Clearly some directors of companies in such circumstances will be unfit and should be removed but the inadequacies of some should not be assumed to apply to all.

Until business and professional atttudes change and the administration procedure under the Insolvency Act is modified, it is likely to be rare for a UK company in financial difficulties to achieve resuscitation and avoid liquidation.

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Credit boom caused by property value illusion

From Mr Charles D.B.Pugh

Sir, It appears to me that the debate in your pages on the reasons for the foundering of the Thatcher economic miracle focuses too much on interest rates and too little on collateral asset values.

That our present economic problems are due to a massive financial hangover caused by a credit boom is without doubt. But the causes of this boom seem to be far too readily ascribed to an ill-judged relaxation of interest rates post the 1987 crash.

As any banker will explain, people borrow and banks lend, not merely because interest rates are low – look at the APR's on credit cards to prove that – but also because collateral is available, directly or indirectly, to secure the repayment of the loan and its interest.

Could it be that the reason why the UK exploded into a credit boom in 1988 was not as a reaction to interest rates being a few percentage points below what they should have been (or because the previously punitive rates of tax on those creating wealth were reduced) but because property values, and therefore the perceived national "equity" in real estate, had risen to unrealistic levels and that it was upon this illusory base that the credit boom was footed.

Clearly this is economic heresy in that it reverses the accepted order of cause and effect. But am I alone in finding the interest rate explanation somewhat unsatisfactory?

If it was indeed the case that the consumer boom was caused by an excessive level of property equity, then it would follow that the roots of the present economic difficulties are far more complex and go back far further – to perhaps 1983 – when property values in the Southeast began their many-fold rise – and the reasons for this have as much to do with our attitude towards real estate as an investment, with the dense infrastructure of vested interest which surrounds the property market and with the planning laws which give us the highest site values in Europe, as they do with more orthodox monetary factors.

There are strong arguments to support the view that we have been beggared by the prices of our real estate, which are, even now, too high relative to our prosperity levels, and that until its value comes down to realistic levels the burden it imposes upon our cost of living will continue both to exert inflationary pressures on the economy and to divert financial resources from productive investment. Our continental colleagues have now, in the main, learnt that property is a cost and not an asset and it is time that we, too, marked and inwardly digested this lesson.

It was possible to perceive a glimmer of sense when the Chancellor said, in his Budget speech, that the Treasury would monitor "asset values" in the future. I would have felt far happier if he had admitted that it had been a dreadful mistake not to have done so during the past ten years.

It has been said that the Heath administration was wrecked by the Brits piling into property instead of productive investment during the Barber boom. What a cruel thing if the Thatcher years have suffered the same fate.

Yours faithfully
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EC hopes not realised

From Mr R.N. Bowes

Sir, When Britain joined the Common Market, the insurance industry in London thought it presented a great opportunity for European expansion. There was disappointment that slow progress was made with the development of Freedom of Services, but it was always expected that London would become the hub of the European insurance world.

I do not think that the hopes of the London Market have been realised and it will be instructive to examine why.

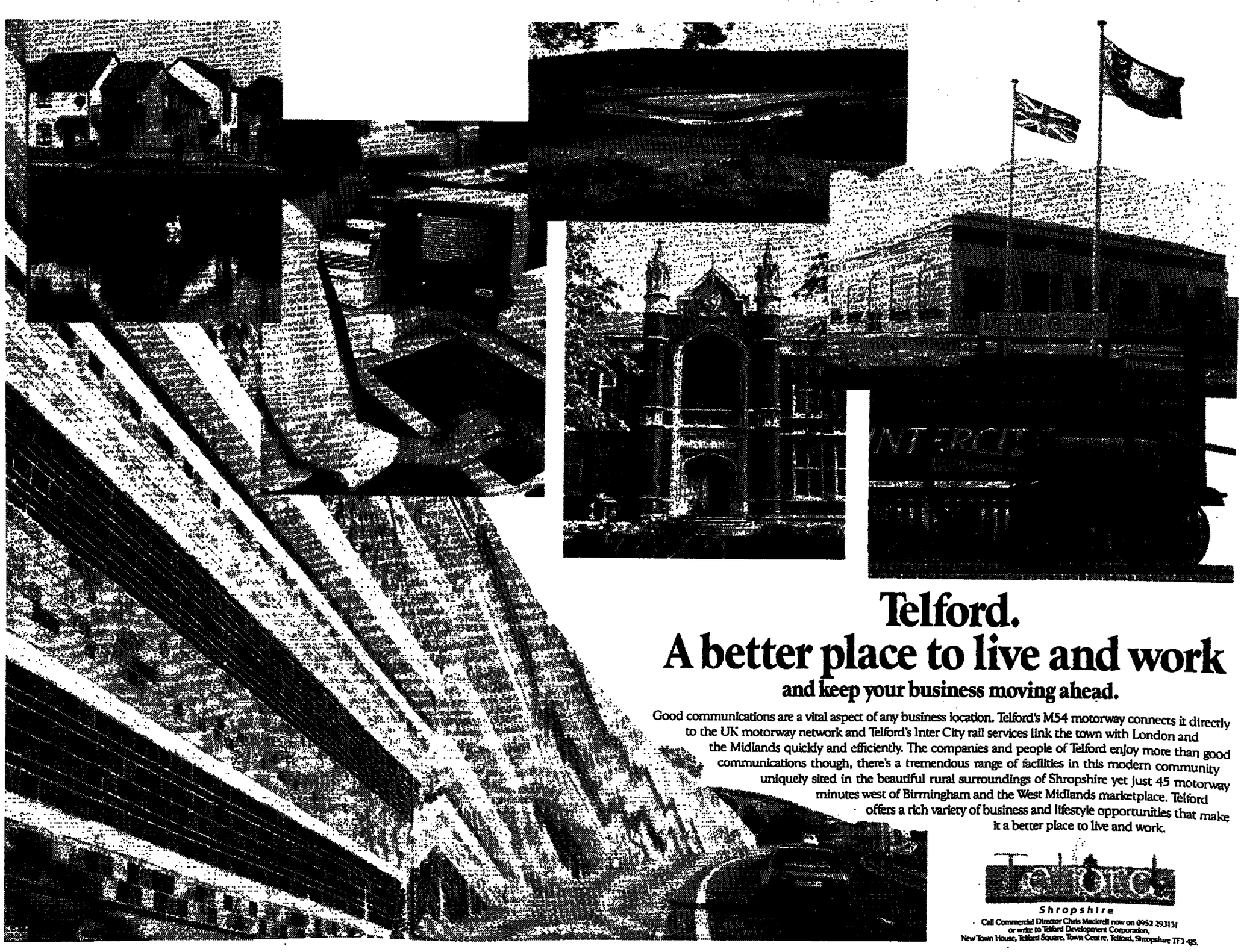
First of all, I believe that the management of many London insurance concerns are still not sufficiently European in their outlook, and this indeed mirrors a similar situation in much of British industry at large. At the same time, we have seen a Continental European insurance industry aggressively expanding its international connections.

Secondly, major insurers in the UK have been quite seriously damaged by losses, and in real terms many of them now lack the financial muscle to tackle the immediate demands of the international scene.

Thus far, no true alternative insurance centre to London has developed, but we must not be complacent. What may be required is the development of larger units within the London insurance industry who can afford to devote the resources to European expansion, probably by way of acquisition. This may well entail mergers and acquisitions within London itself, and there should already be pressure in this direction caused both by the need for greater overall strength and the need to reduce expenses.

It may be that these arguments are uncongenial to employed staff, but I believe directors, and particularly non-executive directors, of major insurers have a duty to insist the possibilities be more fully explored. I hope that there would be few objections from Government on monopoly grounds.

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Inv	538.6	545.5c	..	5.21
Fixed Int	138.8	137.4c	..	11.95
Deposit	100.0		..	11.95

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Income	518.1	518.7w	..	5.58
Acc	£18.49	18.70	..	5.58
Deposit	100.0		..	11.95
Fixed Int Inc	110.5	110.7w	..	10.48
Do Acc	120.9	121.1w	..	..

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Euro Gth	80.8	86.4	+0.8	1.55
1992 Euro Spc	61.17	65.41	+0.81	1.52
Intl Inc	66.17	70.76c	+0.34	3.03
N Amer Gth	46.47	52.80	-0.19	1.47
Pacific Gth	76.78	82.09	+1.81	1.82
UK Gth Acc	80.59	86.15	-0.81	2.89
Do Dist	71.70	76.67	-0.54	3.06
UK Income	61.48	65.74	-0.51	6.67

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5866

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Assets	49.54	52.15c	-0.19	3.58
Back Int Op Ac	81.54	85.85	..	8.55
Fdtr Hse Inc	165.9	175.8w	+0.9	5.48
Fdtr Hse Cap	198.3	211.2	+0.4	2.87

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Am Gth	73.42	78.11e	..	2.12
Euro Gth	85.07	85.18	..	1.84
Far East	73.97	77.97e	..	0.00
Inc	83.72	87.79c	..	5.28
Do Acc	74.76	78.58c	..	5.28
Jap Gth	38.31	39.84	..	0.00
Monthly Inc	42.76	45.49e	..	8.04
Private Inv Pt	51.08	54.35e	..	5.45
Do Acc	68.58	62.35e	..	5.45
Smlr Cos	28.70	30.63	..	4.32
Do Acc	30.79	32.76	..	4.32
UK/Gen Inc	81.38	85.38e	..	4.52
Do Acc	88.17	73.58c	..	4.52
W'wide Bond	48.01	51.07	..	5.61
W'wide Sp Sits	65.70	69.89	..	1.33
Do accum	47.15	50.43	..	1.28
Quilter Gen Inc	102.1	108.5	..	2.16
Quilter Int Acc	96.03	102.0	..	1.15
Quilter Intl Acc	104.2	111.4e	..	1.03

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Finance/Prop	85.76	91.23	..	3.67
Fixed/Conv	83.13	83.34e	..	9.27
Do Acc	78.26	81.12e	..	9.27
Equity Acc	128.7	136.9	..	5.72
Do Acc	370.4	394.1	..	5.72
High Yield Inc	105.9	112.7c	..	8.67
Do Acc	286.2	278.0c	..	8.67
Intl Inc	96.11	91.61c	..	1.70
Do Acc	93.04	98.98c	..	1.70
Preference Inc	37.88	40.30e	..	10.80
Do Acc	145.6	154.9e	..	10.80
PPT Canada	48.27	49.22	..	0.00
PPT Comwood	46.23	49.18	..	4.78
PPT Europe	129.4	134.4	..	0.65
PPT Global	134.82	139.82	..	0.79
PPT Gold	29.84	31.74	..	0.00
PPT Thai	44.32	47.38	..	0.00
PPT HK	46.05	48.99	..	1.65
PPT Sing/Al	74.35	79.12	..	1.21
PPT US	95.83	101.7	..	1.74
PPT US	98.04	104.3	..	0.89
PPT Cash	91.24		..	13.35
W'wide Alpha	82.83	86.63	..	0.00
Do Accum	84.45	88.54	..	0.00

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS LTD
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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Amer	94.52	99.80	+0.67	1.35
Capit	118.4	129.7e	-0.2	2.49
Convertible	22.29	23.59c	+0.04	9.27
Euro/Inst	93.58	94.20	+0.27	1.17
Exempt Managd	140.0	147.4	..	5.00
Extra Inc	63.05	67.31	+0.22	7.76
Growth/Inc	199.7	209.0	-0.4	5.14
High Dist	139.5	148.2e	+0.2	7.08
High Inc	86.03	125.6e	+0.29	7.36
Intl	262.6	276.0	-0.3	1.58
Intl Inc	61.92	66.04	+0.22	5.20
Pacific	37.41	39.75	-0.59	1.01
Smlr Cap Cos	88.58	94.11	-0.19	1.51
Tokyo	176.6	186.9	-0.3	0.00
Ex Am 2	152.4	158.6	+2.5	1.60
Ex Jap 3	118.5	121.8e	..	0.68
Ex Brit Jap 4	570.9	598.8	..	0.00

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Oriental Op Acc	62.35	66.30	-0.54	1.28
Dragon	59.84	57.28	-0.62	0.00
UK Basic Inc	82.86	98.91c	-0.10	3.53
Do Acc	109.4	118.0c	-0.1	3.53
UK Gth Accum	151.9	161.2w	-0.1	3.04
UK Hi Inc	108.9	116.8w	-0.3	5.95
UK Hi Inc Acc	118.1	125.6w	-0.3	5.95
N Amer Acc	72.8	81.7	+0.8	1.12
Euro Acc	105.3	112.0	+1.3	0.25
UK Pref/Fl Inc	84.76	88.06c	-0.68	9.21
Do Acc	75.05	80.01c	-0.60	9.21
Intl Sp S Acc	40.16	42.72	-0.09	0.80
Emerald Opp	52.74	56.11e	+0.94	1.43

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Endurance	144.9	154.1	..	1.85

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Equita Pelican	102.0	107.4	-0.13	5.03
High Inc	105.8	111.9e	-0.05	8.57
Eq/Fxd Interest	49.86	51.42	-0.02	8.14
T Of Inv Tr	110.4	116.3	-0.17	3.19
Spec Sits	96.98	101.0	-0.33	4.38
M Am	71.39	75.66	+0.39	1.19
Far East	173.9	183.0	-3.58	1.49
Intl Gth	74.21	78.12	-0.56	2.56
Euro	57.40	60.42c	+0.13	1.84
Smlr Cos	85.59	99.01c	-0.18	4.00

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UK Gth Account	262.1	268.2e	+1.0	3.61
Do Inc	185.5	201.7e	+0.3	5.51
Higher Inc Acc	444.8	473.2e	-0.1	5.22
Do Inc	284.6	313.4e	-0.1	5.22
Gilts/Fxd Acc	133.3	140.4	+0.3	8.99
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N America	168.4	186.8e	+1.4	0.00
Far East	225.3	239.7e	-1.8	0.78
Europe	229.0	242.9e	+1.2	0.00
Gwnt	246.1	258.3	+2.3	0.00
Gwnt Acc	258.1	271.0	+2.0	3.63
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Sr Portfolio Inc	59.60	63.44	+0.26	5.21
Do Acc	65.80	71.07	+0.06	5.21
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Cash Unit	128.01		+0.13	12.00
European	98.45	105.1	+0.48	2.10
Gilt/Soc	128.5	135.7c	-0.1	4.57
Inc Trst	108.8	116.2e	+0.7	6.83
UK Gth	49.88	53.50	-0.04	0.00

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Euro Income	91.14	96.85	+0.07	3.27
Far East	117.1	125.1	-0.8	0.00
Oriental Income	68.12	72.50c	+0.17	3.08
UK Growth	69.41	74.34	+0.06	1.85
UK Inc Fund	104.4	111.7e	-0.5	5.19
US Smlr Cos	123.8	134.8	+1.2	0.00

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Am Smlr Cos	226.8	278.9	+2.5	..
Do Acc	226.8	294.9	+2.5	..
Am Trust Inc	274.5	296.4	..	..
Do Acc	284.7	306.5	..	..
Capit Inc	294.9	348.8	-0.7	3.67
Do Acc	311.1	329.9	-0.8	3.67
Const Smlr Inc	43.12	46.05c	+0.18	1.48
Do Acc	43.12	46.05c	+0.18	1.48
Conv Inc	103.0	108.5	-0.1	7.53
Do Acc	105.7	109.0	-0.1	7.53
Euro Inc	89.30	95.29e	+0.38	0.50
Do Acc	91.76	97.90e	+0.40	0.50
Extra Inc Inc	249.9	258.4	-0.1	6.06
Do Acc	249.9	258.4	-0.1	6.06
Financial Acc	82.45	88.42e	+0.66	0.76
Do Inc	60.36	64.90e	+0.07	0.76
Inc Trust	159.1	169.1e	+0.2	5.74
Do Acc	202.1	215.0e	+0.3	5.74
Intl Gth	234.5	249.7e	+0.8	..
Do Acc	246.3	257.3e	+0.9	..
Jap & Gen Inc	153.2	164.1	-1.6	..
Do Acc	153.2	164.1	-1.6	..
Mangd Port Inc	76.01	80.01e	+0.48	2.03
Do Acc	76.57	80.79e	+0.45	2.03
Monthly Inc	121.6	128.7e	+0.4	5.83
Recov	139.3	216.4	+0.8	1.38
Do Acc	228.1	242.9	+0.9	1.38
Smlr Inc	40.11	42.66	-0.01	4.34
Do Acc	43.46	46.22	-0.09	4.34
Gth Gt Inc	52.5	55.85	+0.01	5.11
Do Acc	62.40	64.35	+0.37	5.11
Gilt Inc Inc	55.54	57.27e	+0.24	9.07
Do Acc	63.08	65.05e	+0.27	9.07

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Equity Dist	275.5	293.1e	-0.76	3.99
Do Acc	529.4	563.2e	-1.45	3.99
Euro Gth Dist	91.97	97.84	+0.61	0.71
Do Acc	93.45	99.41	+0.62	0.71
Fixed Int Dist	112.4	118.5c	+0.01	8.36
Do Acc	171.7	181.5c	+0.01	8.36
Int Gth Dist	62.65	66.66c	-0.02	0.84
Do Acc	64.05	68.15c	-0.02	0.84
N Am Dist	139.1	143.7	+1.19	1.39
Do Acc	148.1	152.3	+1.26	1.39
Pan Basin Dist	196.9	209.5	-2.42	0.30
Do Acc	196.9	211.4	-2.42	0.30
Prop Dist	220.4	234.6	-0.89	2.95
Do Acc	267.4	284.56	-0.78	2.95
Stwd Inc Dist	91.55	95.54e	-0.16	5.33
Do Acc	99.76	103.51e	-0.19	5.33
Wrld Spec Sit	89.16	95.24e	+0.14	0.41
Global Prp Inc	45.75	48.84e	+0.13	3.00
Do Acc	47.15	50.49e	+0.13	3.01
Smlr Cos Div	40.56	43.37	-0.06	6.52

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	33.28	35.58	-0.06	2.02
Cash/Trust	112.65		+0.11	11.73
Fledgl Inv Inc	65.03	84.37	-0.12	3.71
Do Acc	176.4	189.2	-0.22	3.71
UK Smlr Cos	98.05	102.9	-0.01	1.22
Income Trusts				
Commercial Inc	90.82	84.83e	+0.19	6.58
Extra Inc	89.58	95.24e	+0.15	7.79
Preference	20.50	22.25e	+0.01	12.46
Prop Inv Inc	81.37	86.56e	+0.35	5.75
Income	104.8	112.1	+0.24	4.12
Ind Fxd Int	22.96	24.16	+0.11	7.82
International Trusts				
Gold Inst	65.10	67.98e	+0.10	1.37
Eurovenfures	18.40	20.38	+0.22	0.73
Financial Secs	33.52	35.94e	+0.17	0.92
Glob Inc/Gth	84.00	94.09e	+0.42	3.56
Ltd/Int	86.84	92.96	-0.10	3.38
Overseas Trusts				
American	88.09	93.91e	+0.56	1.25
European	84.84	89.84	+0.50	1.24
Euro Sel Opp	84.42	89.57	+0.53	0.36
Far Eastern	44.27	47.47	+0.14	0.00
Hong Kong	47.53	50.80	-1.17	2.57
Japan	166.8	177.1	-1.88	0.00
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Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979
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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Intl Gth	100.5	107.5c	+0.28	0.51
Amer Growth	77.27	82.69	+0.34	0.00
Euro Growth	58.78	62.75e	+0.36	0.45
Gen Horizons	43.18	46.12e	+0.36	1.10
Jap Growth	68.52	73.27e	-0.48	..
Pacific Inc	94.57	103.2	-0.55	2.88
Pacific Strat	68.55	71.78	+0.58	0.00
UK Prog Inc	71.35	76.31c	-0.22	8.95
UK Recov	44.13	47.19e	-0.39	2.29
UK Sel Co	38.14	40.80e	-0.07	3.94

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
British Gth	74.58	78.74e	+0.26	3.36
Capit	128.5	138.5	+0.9	3.05
Dollar	230.6	248.9e	+1.6	0.82
Europe	168.8	178.5	-0.7	2.66
Far East	155.8	168.4	-0.7	2.66
Financial	497.5	532.4	+2.0	3.37
G/F Interst Inc	22.94	23.83	+0.21	8.96
High Yield	91.66	97.89e	+0.01	8.56
Inc Trust	114.5	122.4e	+0.1	6.65
Intl	182.6	173.2	+0.3	1.35
Jap Tech	83.71	89.13	-0.70	0.00
Metrl Reserves	48.02	51.35	-0.11	2.51
Security	243.5	260.2	-0.4	3.34
Smlr Cos	82.43	88.16	-0.11	2.76
Spec Sits	119.9	128.2	-0.5	0.78
US Smlr Cos	40.70	43.52c	+0.50	0.00

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	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	78.80	84.28	+0.39	0.00
UK Cap Inc	140.4	150.2	-0.2	4.26
Do Acc	228.3	242.1	-0.3	4.26
Do Spec Sits	48.42	52.68	+0.04	2.18
Inc Fund	101.1	108.2	+0.2	7.56
Intl	181.5	193.9	-0.2	1.29
US/Gwnt	91.66	95.85e	+0.39	0.00
US/Sand	388.4	388.0	-4.3	0.00
Far East/Gen	187.5	200.6	-2.5	0.00
Euro	322.7	343.6	+1.7	1.13
Germany	86.22	89.54	+0.05	0.00
Intl Inc	55.47	59.16e	+0.31	5.68
Higher Inc	89.16	95.04e	-0.14	6.41
Global Prp Inc	45.75	48.84e	+0.13	3.00
Do Acc	47.15	50.49e	+0.13	3.01
Smlr Cos Div	40.56	43.37	-0.06	6.52

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European	92.3	321.2e	+2.20	1.25
Far East	303.2	324.6e	+2.08	0.74
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Road use charges to beat congestion are again on the British political agenda, but how would they work? **Nick Nuttall** reports

For whom the roads could toll

Two kinds of technology could make a reality of the government's renewed interest in road pricing as a way of curbing congestion on the urban roads of Britain. With suitable public or private funding, the systems could be rapidly installed for testing and then quickly implemented.

Richard Botwood, the director-general of the Chartered Institute of Transport, says: "Many people think of these systems as futuristic, but the technology is there."

The institute, which has been examining the prospects for electronic road pricing, expects the cost of a trip into London to be about £3.50. Charges to the outer suburbs would be lower – or nil.

Electronic numberplates are one method of road pricing being promoted. The plates, microchip tags costing about £30 each, would identify a car and trigger beacons or under-road wires as the vehicle entered a controlled area.

The system would calculate where and for how long a car was in a tolled area and the information would be relayed back to a central computer.

The computer would calculate charges, which might vary during the day and at weekends, invoicing the driver rather as British Telecom bills telephone customers. Closed-circuit cameras, similar to those employed to catch cars jumping red lights, have been suggested to photograph or video cars without tags that would therefore be breaking the law.

An electronic numberplate-type scheme, involving 2,600 vehicles, has already been tried in Hong Kong. The pilot scheme, which included the display of variable toll prices on roadside signs, proved that the system worked, at least on a small scale, but ran foul of civil liberties groups.

Objectors worry that access to the billing database, which details a driver's movements, smacks of authoritarianism. An alternative but more expensive system involves fitting a meter to a vehicle. Roadside sensors trigger the meter as the car enters a controlled area. Units are deducted from a pre-paid "smart" card similar to a telephone card.

A variation of the metering system has been proposed by the local authority in Cambridge to alleviate its chronic congestion problems. This system would use pre-paid cards, but charges would start only when vehicles encounter congestion.

Mr Botwood says: "If traffic is flowing freely, there is no charge. There is also a safeguard; if an articulated lorry breaks down in front of a vehicle, the charging ceases after a fixed time."

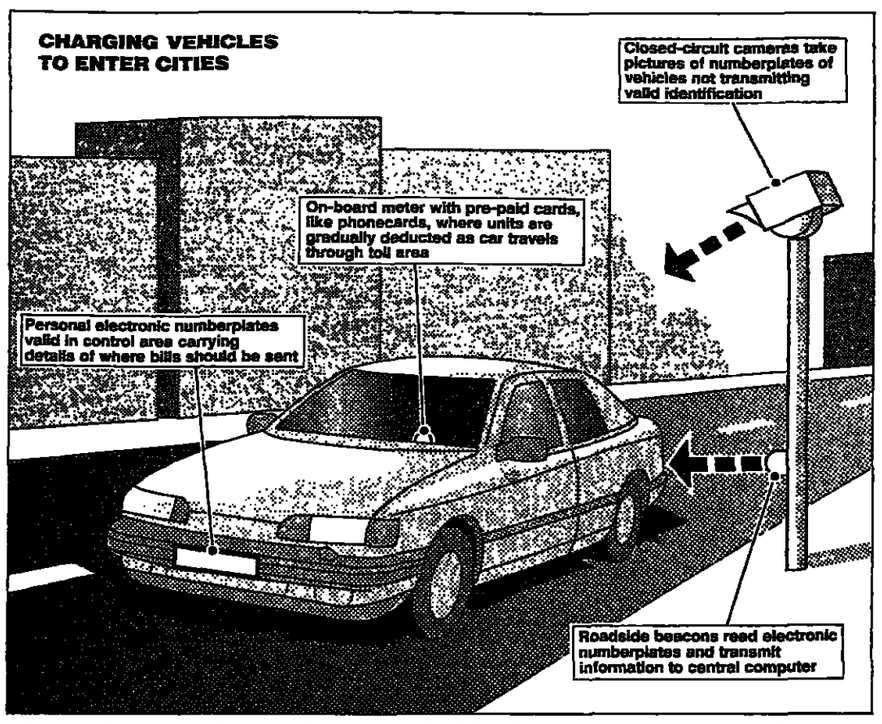
The planned Cambridge scheme has a curious enforcement feature. If the pre-paid card runs out, the fuel supply is blocked when the car engine is next turned off. The driver must buy a freshly charged card before the car can be re-started. Any debit that has accrued on the meter is docked from the newly inserted card.

Mr Botwood, whose institute has been pushing for an electronic road-pricing scheme encompassing London out to the M25, and covering six million motorists, believes that this week's statement by Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, is a real step forward.

Mr Botwood says that Cecil Parkinson, the former transport secretary, had "a dismissive attitude" to road pricing. "Now we have an acceptance that this must be looked at as part of a package of measures," he says.

Political considerations are paramount. Mr Rifkind would only go as far as saying that the government was interested in such schemes, an understandably cautious response, given the possible public outcry in a potential election year about having to pay more for driving.

Britain would not be alone if it introduced road pricing. Sweden, The Netherlands and Singapore are believed to be considering such schemes. The Chartered Institute of Transport points out the potential for disruption unless uniform standards are imposed throughout Europe. Without them, electronic numberplates or meters might be compatible in London, but not in other cities, because of different systems. Other pitfalls include the difficulties for rural visitors to a city, who might not have a meter or electronic numberplate fitted to their cars.



UPDATE

Don't hold your breath

THE effects of the smoke from burning Kuwaiti oilfields, though locally severe, is likely to have a minimal effect on the world's climate, a Met Office team led by Keith Browning reports in today's issue of *Nature*. Most of the smoke, they say, will remain in the lowest few kilometres of the atmosphere and will not disperse globally.

New battery

RESEARCHERS at Murdoch university in Western Australia have developed a new battery able to store large amounts of power. The zinc-bromine battery could be used to store surplus energy from power stations, or supply remote houses or Aboriginal reserves. According to the university, the battery can store more than twice as much electricity as lead-acid batteries of equal weight and is cheaper to manufacture.

Legal switch

THE control of biotechnology in the United States may be relaxed if proposals drafted by a White House committee become law. The science and technology office has suggested that control of field tests of newly engineered organisms should be left to the companies responsible and to the courts. The idea is to remove obstacles to the development of improved plants and animals.

Buried terror

IRAQ'S supply of weapons-grade uranium survived the Gulf war unscathed, an inspection by a team from the International Atomic Energy Agency has revealed. Although it lies buried after allied bombing which destroyed 18 out of 24 nuclear facilities, the uranium has not leaked and should be recoverable.

Engine bodies

TWO of Britain's engineering bodies, the Institution of Electrical Engineers and the Institution of Manufacturing Engineers, have voted to join forces. The merger, to come into effect on October 1, will create the biggest of the engineering institutions, with 130,000 members.

Forbidden secrets of sickness

East German medical records could provide valuable data about the link between cancer and pollution – but their use is illegal


Smoke gets in your lungs: but pollution in East Germany may not be as unhealthy as first believed

THE collapse of the communist regime in East Germany has left medical researchers with a dilemma. The government of Erich Honecker, obsessed with gathering data on its citizens, left behind an archive of medical data on more than two million cases of cancer – 95 per cent of all the cases that occurred in East Germany between 1957 and the end of the regime last year.

The archive could be invaluable for cancer epidemiologists, because it would enable the disease's incidence in different areas to be compared with levels of industrial pollution, notoriously high in East Germany. But, under German law, the archive is illegal. The magnetic tapes carrying the data are locked away at the Institute for Cancer Research in Berlin.

"From a strictly legal point of view, all the data should be erased," Gabriele Hundsdorfer, of the cancer abatement division of the health ministry in Bonn, told the journal *Science*. "There is no legal basis for the register."

The Federal Republic allows medical records bearing people's names to be collected only for narrowly defined purposes, which makes epidemiological research in Germany difficult.

The value of the East German records derives from their completeness. For each case the details of the patient, the location, the cancer and family background are recorded. The archive is so vast that the East Germans were unable to exploit it properly, lacking the necessary computers.

The few studies that have been done have shown up some unexpected results. A 1988 study failed to show any increase in the incidence of lung cancer in the highly polluted regions bounded by Leipzig, Halle and Bitterfeld, when compared with the clean air of Mecklenberg.

If this were confirmed, it would throw into question the belief that up to 70 per cent of all cancers are caused by environmental pollution.

Lung cancer rates appear to be higher near Aue, where uranium has been mined, a finding consistent with studies done in the West. Matthias Möhner, head of the team that built up the archive, would like to carry out studies of pollution and cancer. "The question is", he says, "will they let us?"

German scientists are scrambling to rescue the data, even if the way it was gathered may not have met scrupulous western standards. In the former West Germany, cancer data is poor because physicians had to ask patients' permission before they could offer records to researchers.

ALL the data could be "anonymised", but researchers argue that this would reduce its value. They hope that the science council, the official advisory body, will recommend a special bill to extend it.

The council, expected to advise the German government in July, is likely to favour giving doctors a "registration right", letting them provide data without having to ask their patients. Any such recommendation will, however, probably be opposed by the professional medical association. Finally, it will be up to the politicians.

NIGEL HAWKES

Ban on goods should be appealed not reviewed

Regina v Birmingham City Council, Ex parte Ferrero Ltd

Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Russell and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment May 23]

A challenge to a notice under section 14 of the Consumer Protection Act 1987 prohibiting the supply of goods suspected of endangering the public should be made under the appeal procedure under the Act and not by way of judicial review, even where there were defects in the decision-making process.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by Birmingham City Council from the order of *certiorari* made by Mr Justice Hutchison on March 7, 1990 granting Ferrero Ltd an order quashing the council's section 14 suspension notice, and its refusal to withdraw it, in respect of one of Ferrero's chocolate products.

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Ian Croxford for the council; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Spearman for Ferrero; Mr John Laws for the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that Ferrero made chocolate eggs called Kinder Surprise. Each egg contained a plastic capsule containing in turn a kit from which a small toy could be made. The object was to enhance the attractiveness of the eggs to children. Ferrero had used a variety of different toys in their eggs, many of which represented well known cartoon characters.

In October 1989 a new toy, depicting the Pink Panther, was introduced. Tragically, a month later a little girl just over three years old swallowed one of the pink panther feet. It lodged in her throat causing her death from asphyxiation.

Three days later the council issued a section 14 suspension notice prohibiting Ferrero for six months from supplying Kinder Surprise eggs containing the Pink Panther toy.

Ferrero's application for judicial review had been based on several grounds, on each of which the judge found in favour of Ferrero. He then dealt with the issue at the forefront of the council's appeal: whether the case was appropriate for judicial review at all or whether Ferrero ought to have pursued their statutory right of appeal under section 15 of the Act. Again he found for Ferrero.

There were strong *dicta* both in the Court of Appeal and in the House of Lords emphasising that where there was an alternative remedy, and especially where Parliament had provided a statutory appeal procedure, it was only exceptionally that judicial review should be granted. It was therefore necessary where the exception was invoked to look carefully at the suitability of the statutory appeal in the context of the particular case.

Section 14 was clearly aimed at providing enforcement authorities with a means of swift, short-term action to prevent goods which had come to their notice from endangering the public.

The action did not require proof that the goods contravened a safety provision, but merely that the authority had reasonable grounds for suspecting that they did. It was intended as an emergency holding operation.

An appeal under section 15 did not require leave as judicial review did. It was therefore capable of being brought on more quickly. It came before justices who could try, as a contested issue of fact on oral evidence, whether the goods were in contravention of a safety provision, whereas judicial review normally proceeded on affidavit evidence. A further appeal on the merits could be made to the crown court.

Accordingly, in the present case, there was available an appeal specifically provided by Parliament to enable a party aggrieved by a suspension notice to challenge it.

The statutory scheme leant in favour of upholding the notice unless the goods were shown to be safe; but, should they turn out on appeal or otherwise to be safe, any aggrieved party was entitled to compensation.

The judge had decided that it was an exceptional case in which judicial review should be granted despite the alternative remedy. He had concluded that, on a section 15 appeal, Ferrero could not have "aired" their various complaints about the reasonableness (under *Associated Provincial Picture Houses v Wednesbury Corporation* ([1948] 1 KB 223) of the council's decision, lack of consultation and refusal to accept an undertaking in lieu of the notice.

The judge should have asked himself what, in the context of the statutory provisions, was the real issue to be determined and whether a section 15 appeal was suitable to determine it. The real issue was whether the goods contravened a safety provision and the section 15 appeal was geared exactly to deciding that issue.

If the goods did contravene the safety provision and were dangerous to children then, surely, procedural impropriety or unfairness in the decision-making process should not persuade a court to quash the order. The determining factors were the paramount need to safeguard consumers and the emergency nature of the section 14 powers.

Suppose that judicial review of a section 14 notice had been entertained where the enforcement authority suspected certain goods to be poisonous. Suppose further the affidavit evidence had raised a strong presumption that the goods were poisonous, but it was clear that the authority had taken into consideration irrelevant factors or had omitted to consider relevant ones. The court would clearly decline to quash the notice.

Even supposing the affidavit evidence showed a head-on conflict between experts as to whether the goods were poisonous or not, the court would hardly quash the notice with possibly fatal results, simply because of the defect in the decision making-process.

In such a situation it would be desirable to reach a conclusion on the facts and that could only be done by hearing the experts and having them cross-examined, an exercise to which a section 15 appeal was well suited.

To test the suitability of a section 15 appeal in all situations, the question had been raised in argument as to the availability of judicial review were malice to be alleged.

Clearly there was no absolute rule excluding judicial review in all cases where an alternative remedy existed. The factors to be taken into account would vary. In the context of the present statutory provisions, if an arguable case of malice were to be raised, it might be appropriate to grant judicial review rather than leave the applicant to his section 15 remedy.

However, if the goods truly contravened a safety provision, it would seem unlikely that malice would be established and even if it were, the notice might nevertheless need to remain in place.

So far from being an exception to the general rule, the present case was one in which Ferrero should have been left to pursue their appeal under section 15. They had in fact lodged an appeal which they withdrew after their success on judicial review.

The matter was now academic since the six-month life of the suspension notice terminated long ago, but his Lordship would allow the council's appeal on the judicial review ground alone.

That being so, it was strictly unnecessary to consider other issues raised on the appeal. However, two issues raised points of general importance and leave had been given to the secretary of state to intervene on those issues.

Although the court's conclusions on those issues had to be *obiter*, it was hoped they might be helpful for the guidance of enforcement authorities.

1 Did an enforcement authority have a duty to consult the proposed recipient of a section 14 notice before deciding to issue it?

Mr Beloff had conceded that in cases of urgency no duty to consult would be implied. There was not such a degree of urgency in the present case. But if the supposed duty to consult were to depend upon the facts and urgency of each case, enforcement authorities would be faced with a serious dilemma.

What amounted to urgency was incapable of precise definition and would be open in many cases to honest and reasonable differences of opinion. An authority might reasonably suspect goods to be dangerous and feel bound to delay serving a notice until it had consulted the trader. Valuable time would be lost and danger could result.

The statutory scheme laid down specific requirements for consultation where Parliament thought them appropriate. There was no provision under section 14 for representations to be made and considered either before or after service of a suspension notice.

Although there was no statutory duty to consult, should the common law imply a duty to consult? The answer was "No". To imply such a duty would tend to frustrate the statutory purpose. Moreover, ample safeguards for the trader were built into the statutory scheme.

2 Was the authority under any duty, and was it appropriate, to accept an equivalent undertaking from a person served and lift the notice?

Following the service of the notice, Ferrero had sought unsuccessfully to persuade the council to accept instead an undertaking, without limit of time, which would have imposed the same restrictions as was imposed by the notice. The advantage to Ferrero of that proposal would have been the removal of the stigma attaching to a suspension notice.

Section 14 gave the enforcement authority a discretionary power to issue a suspension notice. It was not bound to do so.

If it did, however, Mr Beloff submitted that if the trader was reputable and offered an undertaking with similar effect to the notice, it was irrational for the enforcement authority not to accept the undertaking and withdraw the notice.

However, his Lordship said the counter-arguments of Mr Laws were:

First, it could not be right to impose the burden on the enforcement authority of deciding whether the trader in question could be relied upon to honour his undertaking.

Second, once the authority had withdrawn the notice, it would have no power to issue a fresh notice in relation to the same goods, should the undertaking be breached. Section 14(4) forbade it.

Third, the criminal sanction specifically provided by section 14 if the notice was not obeyed would no longer bite if an undertaking were accepted instead.

Finally, there were 128 trading standards departments in Great Britain. If a suspension notice were lifted in one local authority area by reason of an undertaking, there might well be problems of enforcement in other areas.

Those were powerful and convincing arguments and the council's refusal to accept an undertaking in lieu of the statutory suspension notice could not properly be described as irrational.

Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Russell agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr S. A. Dobson, Birmingham; Taylor Joynson Garrett; Treasury Solicitor.

Vehicle used for hire

Lovelady v Taylor

Before Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Hodgson

[Judgment May 22]

A vehicle was operated as a private hire vehicle, despite the fact that there was no payment of money, when the operator obtained the commercial benefit of protecting the goodwill of his business.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by Mr Michael Lovelady, prosecuting on behalf of St Albans District Council, by way of case stated against the acquittal by Hertford Justices of Arthur Raymond Taylor, a licensed private hire car operator, of four charges under section 46(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The case was remitted to the justices with a direction to convict.

Section 80 of the 1976 Act provides: "(1) ... 'operate' means in the course of business to make provision for the invitation or acceptance of bookings for a private hire vehicle; ..."

Mr Stephen Hockman, QC, for the prosecution; the defendant did not appear and was not represented.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the defendant had been short-staffed and had, on two occasions, asked his wife to drive pre-booked customers. He had told her not to make any charge nor to accept a tip. Neither his wife or her car were licensed for private hire operation.

The justices decided that there had been no hiring and that the vehicle had not been operated as a private hire vehicle.

In the court's view the defendant was operating the vehicle as a private hire vehicle because he was making provision for the acceptance of bookings made by his customers.

Payment of money was not necessary to constitute a hiring. It was sufficient that he had obtained a commercial benefit by protecting the goodwill of the business.

Mr Justice Hodgson gave a concurring judgment.

Solicitor: Mr Michael Lovelady, St Albans.

No power to ban publication of defendants' names

Regina v Southwark Crown Court, Ex parte Godwin
Regina v Same, Ex parte The Daily Telegraph plc
Regina v Same, Ex parte MGN Ltd
Regina v Same, Ex parte Associated Newspapers Ltd
Regina v Same, Ex parte Newspaper Publishing plc

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mr Justice May

[Judgment May 16]

As a matter of law, section 39 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended, did not empower the court to order in terms that the names of defendants to criminal proceedings should not be published, where such defendants were not themselves young persons.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so held in a reserved judgment, allowing the appeals of Miss Caroline Godwin, the Daily Telegraph plc, MGN Ltd, Associated Newspapers Ltd and Newspaper Publishing plc, under section 159 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988, against an order made at Southwark Crown Court on April 26 by Judge Laurie under the 1933 Act prohibiting the revelation or publication of the names of defendants charged with various offences of indecent assault and indecency with a child.

Section 39 of the 1933 Act, as amended by section 57 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1963, provides: "(1) In relation to any proceedings in any court the court may direct (a) that no newspaper report of the proceedings shall reveal the name, address or school, or include any particulars calculated to lead to the identification, of any child or young person in the proceedings ..."

Miss Godwin in person; Mr Andrew Nicol for the other appellants; Miss Ann Curnow, QC, Mr Martyn Zeidman for the first defendant; Mr Jonathan Goldberg, QC and Mr Barry Kogan for the second defendant; Miss Jocelyn Sparks for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the defendants were charged with a number of offences of indecency with a child and indecent assault on two children.

The defendants and the children were members of a close-knit Jewish community.

At a preliminary hearing, counsel for the prosecution sought an order under section 39 of the 1933 Act, as amended, relating to the non-identification of the children named in the indictment.

Counsel for the defendants made an application that the names of the defendants should also not be publicised as that might lead to the identification of the children. The judge granted both applications, and made an order specifying that the names of the defendants should not be published.

The appellants complained that the judge exceeded his powers in making such an order under section 39 and the court was persuaded that their argument was correct.

It might be on occasions that judges would think it helpful to have some discussion about the identification of particular details and might give advice. But what was contained in the order must be restricted to the terms of section 39(1) either specifically using those terms, or using words to the like effect, and no more.

If it was apparent that some details, including the names of defendants, should not be published, that was a matter of practical application of the order and not part of the terms of the order.

Solicitors: Simon Olswang & Co; Stanley Sovin & Partners, Hampstead; Woolf Seddon Roscoe Phillips; CPS, Wood Green.

Custody time limits cease to have effect during committal

Regina v Governor of Winson Green Prison, Ex parte Trotter

Before Lord Justice Russell and Mr Justice Hodgson

[Judgment May 7]

Once committal proceedings had started, magistrates court custody time limits ceased to have effect. Therefore, if such a time limit expired during an adjourned or aborted committal hearing, the prosecution did not need an extension of the time limit in order to keep the accused in custody.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when refusing the application of Timothy Trotter for a writ of *habeas corpus*.

The accused had been arrested in respect of offences of burglary and theft and first appeared before Birmingham Justices on July 7, 1990 from when his magistrates court custody time limit ran.

The limit under the Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) Regulations (SI 1987 No 299), as amended by the Prosecution of Offences (Custody Time Limits) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations (SI 1989 No 1107) was 84 days. By a series of applications by the Crown Prosecution Service the time limit was extended and committal proceedings were set for March 14 due to run for two days. No application was made to renew the time limit which expired at midnight on March 14.

On March 15 after the stipendiary magistrate had heard two days of prosecution evidence the proceedings were adjourned until March 28. No application for an extension of the time limit was made on the basis that under the regulations once committal proceedings had begun, the first period covered by the time limits was over and the moment he was committed, if he was, a new time limit came into operation for the period during which he was in the custody of the crown court.

Mr David Radcliffe for the accused; Mr David Howard Evans, QC and Mr Ian Winter for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said that the view taken by the CPS was that regulation 4(5) of the 1987 Regulations, as amended, was concerned with the maximum period prior to committal or dismissal and remained the same after the adjournment and before the committal proceedings were due to resume on March 28.

Difficulties arose because the stipendiary magistrate before the resumption of the committal proceedings disqualified himself from continuing to hear the case. There could be no new application for an extension of the custody time limit because it had expired.

Mr Radcliffe said that the words in regulation 4(5) were plain and unambiguous, that "... the enquiry" must mean the completed committal hearing and if the hearing was aborted then it could not constitute "the enquiry".

The draftsmen could certainly have made the wording plainer but Mr Radcliffe's view would lead to great difficulties.

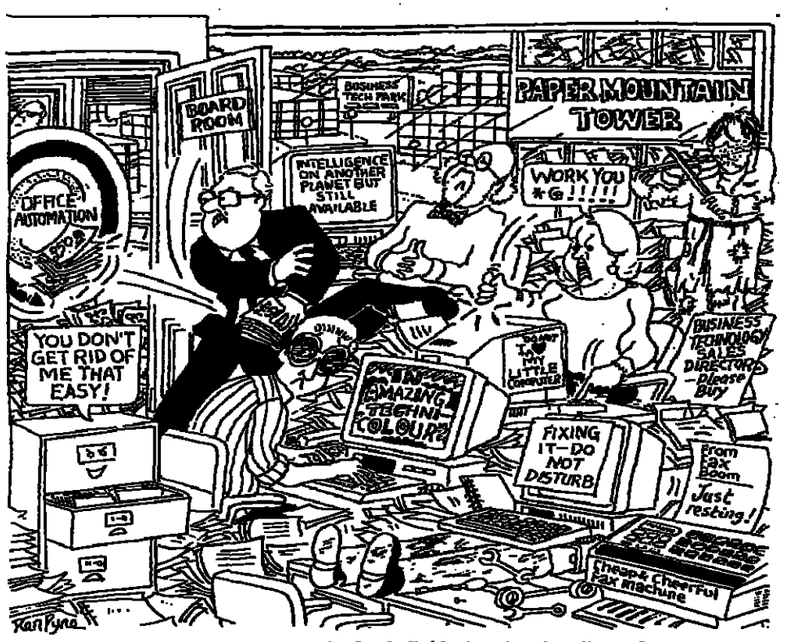
The enquiry was not the enquiry which ended with the committal of, or dismissal of the charges against the accused but any enquiry which began to hear prosecution evidence.

Mr Justice Hodgson agreed.

Solicitors: Christian Fisher & Co; CPS, Birmingham.

Paper revolution frays at edges

Offices face new challenges if they are to cope with the demands of information management, Matthew May writes



Whatever happened to the paperless office? During the Eighties it became a fashionable term, conjuring up an image of a future in which filing cabinets would become obsolete and employees would enjoy a lighter workload as new office equipment became integrated and handled huge amounts of information automatically.

While business equipment has proliferated, the use of paper by most offices is still increasing, and, recessions apart, increased business has resulted in staff being as busy as ever.

Today, it is the management of information throughout a company that has become most important when investing in business technology. With it comes the idea that the successful use of such technology can provide an important advantage over rivals. For many companies, however, new technology is a necessity if the organisation is to stand a chance of competing effectively.

The personal computer was a mixed blessing for some organisations because it provided a new piece of technology that could be bought off the shelf, installed in an office, and run independently. Although performing work previously carried out by much larger and well-planned computer rooms, many departments in the early days of personal computers often bought their own equipment for specific tasks and gave little thought to a central strategy.

When networking technologies arrived and began to offer companies the ability to connect large numbers of personal computers and share information, the problems of companies with incompatible and needlessly duplicated equipment soon became apparent.

In the Nineties, purchasers realise that care is needed. Recent surveys show that a significant minority still do not get it right and end up being less than satisified with the technology they have bought.

A survey by Touche Ross last month concluded that almost a third of directors and senior managers from 500 organisations questioned believed money they had spent on office automation systems had been of no real value.

The advice culled from organisations that considered their money well spent included using business managers rather than technical experts to lead projects, concentrating on automating a business process rather than the work of an individual, and making sure that senior management actively supported the plans.

Suppliers of business technology are trying to make their products easier to use. This is particularly true in the use of computers, where the office user wants to become the equivalent of a car driver and has little desire to become what all too often he or she has to — the equivalent of a car mechanic needing to understand how the machine works.

The giant US software firm Microsoft this month announced a programming system, Visual Basic, for its Windows package that uses small pictures and symbols to help the user.

Among the list of expected customers cited are casual programmers and consultants solving business problems in the hope they will be able to develop applications.

The business technology industry is having a difficult time; customers have less to spend and the number of suppliers continues to expand.

The boom in facsimile machines, for example, may not be over, but is certainly static. According to *What to Buy for Business* magazine, there are now more than 250 machines available from 38 suppliers in a field in which, with 750,000 businesses already online, sales are largely expected to be replacements.

Suppliers have an advantage over some other industries because developments usually mean that each year products can be made both cheaper and more powerful. With budget facsimile machines now starting at £300, suppliers are hoping that new markets will develop outside that of the standard company fax machine.

The recession and fierce competition have led to hefty price-cutting. Analysts say customers are becoming more "technically secure" and are willing to buy cheaper products. This forces manufacturers of better-known brands to compete far more on price.



Office of the future: researchers at the Hewlett-Packard laboratories in Bristol are testing a system with built in video cameras in every office computer screen. Staff can see and talk to each other in the office and elsewhere. One potential use is to see if colleagues are busy before disturbing them, but some may see it as a spy on the desk.

Computers seek friendly touch

Suppliers call for new programs to make the best use of technology

In 1983, an IBM director forecast that personal computers linked in networks would eventually have as big an impact on office work as the telephone.

Market research estimates there is now a personal computer on every third desk. However, computer suppliers continue to improve their products, and the prediction may yet be realised.

Companies that make computers and write programs have two main goals — to encourage their existing customers to make more use of their products, and to attract new customers.

The main bait used in the past to sell PCs was the prospect of increasing the productivity of individuals. To the promise of personal productivity has been added the possibility of improving the efficiency of departments and organisations, or even of changing the way they operate — the emphasis having shifted from the impact of automating an individual task, as in word-processing, to the chance to improve the information and intelligence gathering of an entire enterprise.

Reflecting this change of emphasis, the style of personal computing is changing. The way people use PCs is under scrutiny, and the range of operations that might be automated is being extended.

The first law of personal computing today is that individuals will be more productive if they are given programs that are easy to use. Following on from it is a sub-clause: that people will be more productive if they do more jobs on their computers.

Neither contention is necessarily true. The first ignores the fact that, in 1991, many people have already been using a PC for five years or more. They are more likely to be productive using a program they recognise than using a model of simplicity that they do not know.

The further suggestion that more means better is a triumph of disingenuousness over experience. If productivity gains are the goal, the implication is that, as things stand, people are insufficiently productive using their PCs for one task; asking them to use it for three or four tasks sounds wildly optimistic.

These objections assume that the type of operation performed on a PC will remain more or less unchanged. Suppliers say new types of program will be needed to make the best use of the computer technology.

DAVID GUEST

Digital points to a clearer future

THANKS to advances in technology, the copier, facsimile and printer will come together this decade — a merger that is long overdue *(Clive Couldwell writes)*.

The latest digital copiers from Kodak, Ricoh and Konica, for example, scan text and graphic images with a scanner similar to that used by a fax, while the shiny paper used by traditional fax machines has recently given way to a range of new technologies — thermal transfer, laser, LED and ink-jet — which print faxes on to plain paper.

The way we use information is also changing. Thanks to the advent of computer networks, information once printed and distributed manually is transmitted electronically between computers. Changes can be made on screen rather than with a pen and paper.

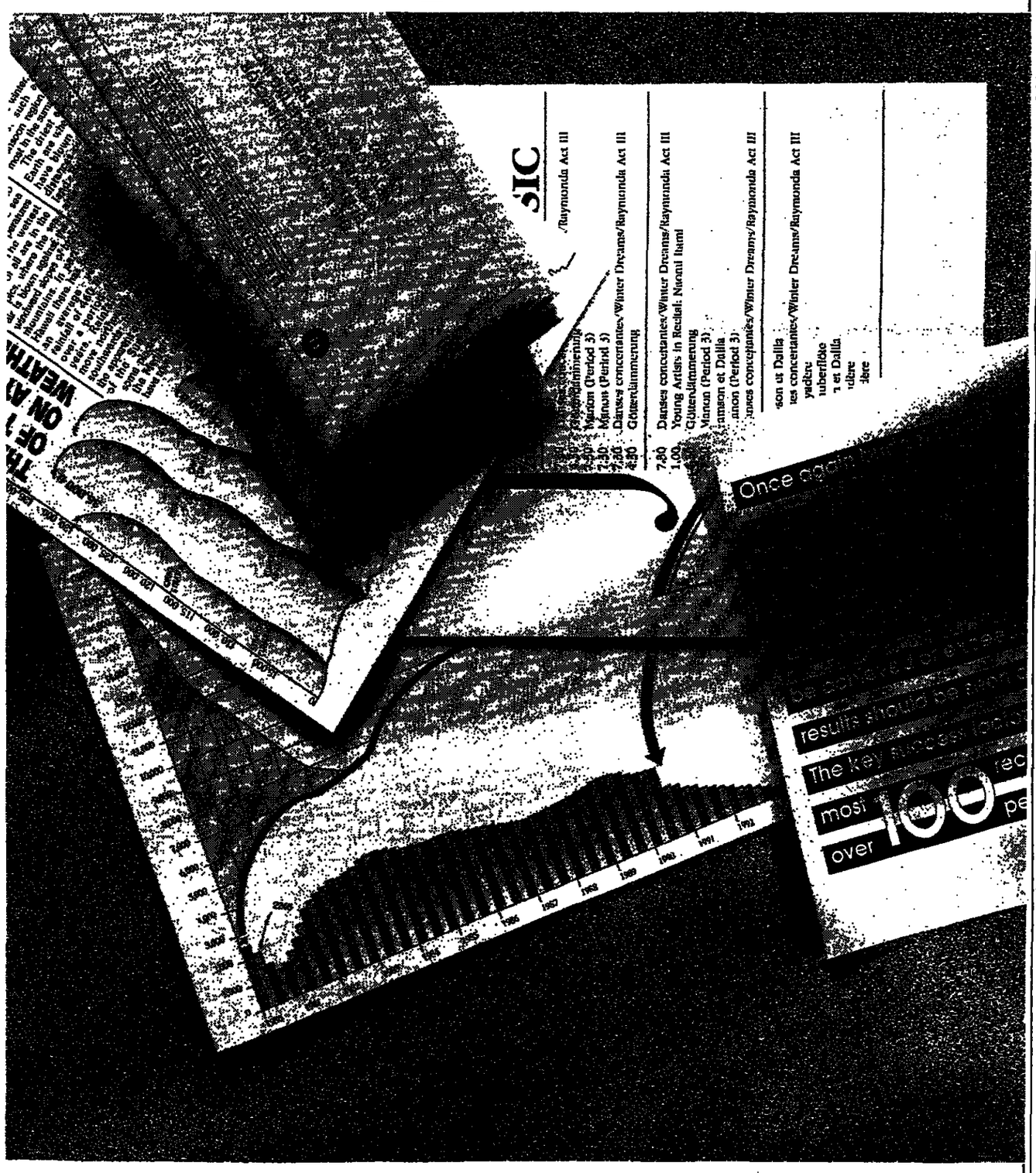
Powerful personal computers which store many of the instructions that make software programs easier to use have revolutionised the way we manipulate information. Programs such as Windows reproduce on screen the desktop equivalent of files and documents and allow the user to create, manipulate and design in several ways. Consequently, many users spend more time perfecting the look and content of a document before printing it out.

Just-in-time printing — committing the final draft to paper only when you need it — makes economic sense. Not losing the high-quality look of a document by printing it out on a low-quality machine is also a priority.

By converting images into the same code that computers understand, digital copiers will solve this problem as they become high-speed output devices for PCs.

Digital copiers will eventually be able to link with fax machines, to print messages as they arrive. Rank Xerox is testing this theory with a PC fax card that links a personal computer to the company's fax and digital copier.

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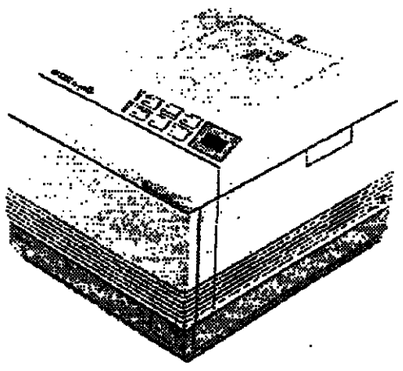
The first is to get yourself promoted to Chairman so you can get a desk so huge it can comfortably house a medium sized print works. The other is fortunately much simpler: get yourself a personal printer from Hewlett-Packard.

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Desks out the door

A new concept for workplaces could revolutionise our daily lives, Jane Bird writes

JOHN MANNING



Wired-up: Nigel Dowler thinks workers will benefit from new building designs

Later this year 750 staff of the customer services division of a computer company will move into smart refurbished headquarters in Basingstoke, Hampshire.

They will occupy a space that housed 500 people before it was burnt down in March last year. But the 50 per cent increase in capacity does not mean more desks crammed together. In fact, the new building is more spacious.

The gains have been made by abolishing the idea that everyone has a desk. Nigel Dowler, the intelligent building services marketing manager for Digital Equipment, says: "The previous building was half-occupied most of the time because the majority of staff spent a lot of time away from the office visiting customers."

Instead of personal desks, the £30 million showpiece office comprises working modules for different types of activity. Staff book the modules for the days they work. They might choose a compact workstation checking electronic mail, or an area with desk space for writing reports, while conference rooms can be reserved for meetings.

The building is being wired with a computer network to monitor who is at a particular desk so that telephone calls can be correctly routed. "A single network will handle data, voice, security, access, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning – processes traditionally managed separately, each with its own control system," Mr Dowler says.

Every desk will have a computer point into which equipment from different suppliers can be linked. Space sharing is the key feature of the office of the future, says Mr Dowler, who has just launched the company's consultancy service, which advises on building design.

Environmental control is also essential. The spread of desktop PCs and terminals, especially those with colour screens, requires buildings to have better ventilation.

"In the old days, computers were hidden in air-conditioned rooms in the bowels of a building. But now vastly more heat-dissipating units are being spread around offices and entire buildings have to be environmentally controlled," Mr Dowler says.

Increased mobility is another feature of the modern workforce. Radio telephones are beginning to offer services such as telepoint, which enable staff to carry cordless handsets. But how will staff feel about no longer having their own desks?

Mr Dowler believes they will accept the change if their company involves them in the analysis of how much time they need to spend in the office.

To encourage acceptance of the new office, Digital Equipment has installed leisure areas, comfortable chairs, and showers for lunchtime joggers.

"The current collapse in the commercial property market presents a great opportunity for companies to acquire premises for bargain prices and fit them up for long-term use," Mr Dowler says.

Ringing in telephone changes

Peter Purton reports on changes in the telecommunications industry.

FEW now doubt that improved communications can generate business. UK companies spend billions of pounds a year on communications equipment and services and the trend, despite recession, is still upward.

Surprisingly, however, the bulk of this fortune is still spent on ordinary telephone services. This may be about to change.

In 1988, Germany's national carrier, Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, estimated that less than 5 per cent of communications carried over its network were of machine-generated data. In general, users were finding data communications too expensive, but perhaps more significantly, too complicated.

But, the popularity of private leased circuits suggests people will go for the technology if it is accessible and easy to use. Such lines, used almost exclusively to communicate data, are now said to account for about 15 per cent of British Telecom's revenue from telecommunications services. But for most businesses a private circuit, despite falling prices, will not prove cost effective for some time.

Help is on the way, however, in the form of the integrated services digital network or ISDN, which experts predict could bring the breakthrough for mass market data communications.

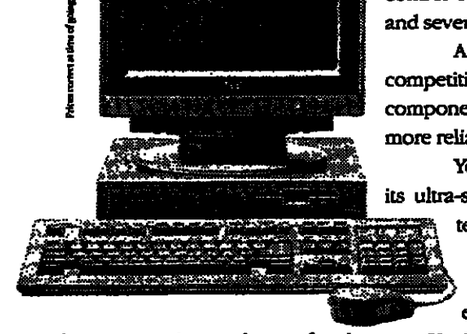
The new capacity also promises to allow the introduction of new kinds of terminals. The long-awaited videotelephone, which will allow both parties to see each other, could become a reality for many people.

Jon Moggeridge, a BT spokesman, says ISDN should be available in every high street and business centre by the end of the year.

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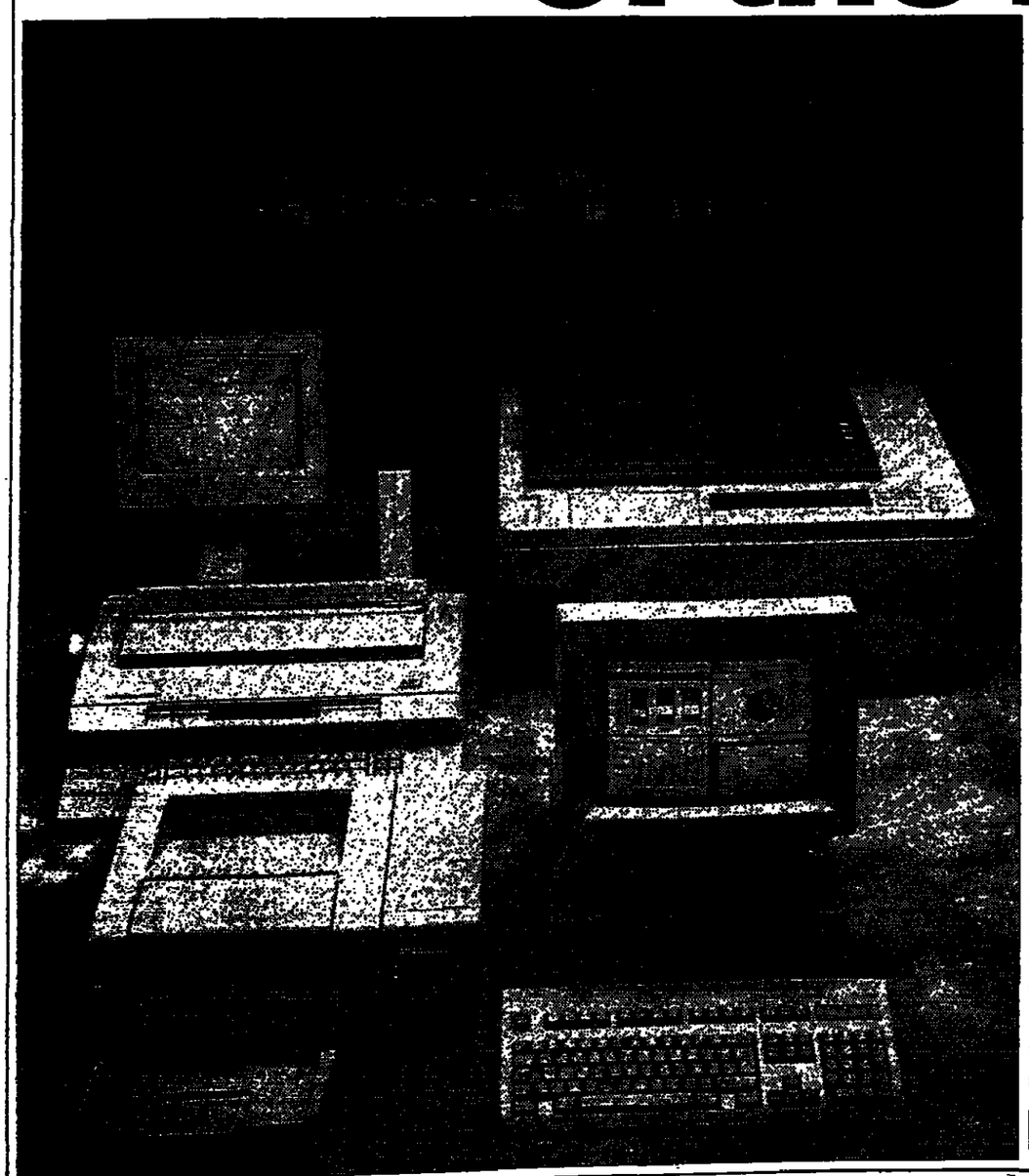
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GOLF

Calcavecchia aims to stick to the straight and narrow

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MARK Calcavecchia has come to Britain to prepare for the United States Open. He tees up today in the Dunhill British Masters at Woburn Golf and Country Club well aware that, on leaving these shores, he will not play another competitive round until the US Open starts on June 13.

Calcavecchia is well aware, too, that it is time he won again. He has not claimed an individual title since 1989, when he won the Open Championship. It is a mystifying record, considering he had won in each of four seasons on the US PGA Tour before his success at Royal Troon.

Yet Calcavecchia, who has Severiano Ballesteros and Ian Woosnam as his principal rivals for the first prize of £75,000, remains cheerful. Perhaps it is because he considers himself fortunate to be playing. He had not long since recovered from torn ligaments in his wrist when he came off his mountain bike at speed in the desert.

"I went over the top of the handle-bars and into a cactus," he said. "I hurt my shoulder and I had 20 thorns in my shin alone."

Ballesteros, another cycling enthusiast, immediately challenged Calcavecchia to an uphill cycle race "any time, any where, any place". Calcavecchia smiled. "I haven't ridden my bike since the accident," he said. "I've done with that mountain stuff. I'll stick to the streets."

First he will endeavour to stick to the straight and narrow as Woburn's fairways are flanked by towering trees. The Duke's course, however, has gone soft, although, paradoxically, it will play harder or, more precisely, longer.

A full irrigation system, costing £400,000, has been installed. The fairways, baked by two dry summers, were in dire need of water, especially as they sit on hundreds of feet of pure sand. Now the players are happy, albeit that the greens have been slow in practice, but the big-hitters are more likely to be favoured by the lusher fairways. "The ball is not running as far as it has it the past," Woosnam said. "We'll have to hit the driver more often."

Sandy Lyle, however, has a different game plan. His confidence has slowly been returning and he enjoyed himself for the first time in some months with his last round of 65 in the Volvo PGA Championship on Monday.

Even so, he is not allowing that to go to his head. "I'll play the first two rounds here as I did at Wentworth," he said. "I'll play to keep the ball in play, which means using my one-iron. If I establish a firm base, as I did last week, then I can open my shoulders in the last two rounds."

Lyle has not won a stroke-play tournament since he completed the "Masters" double in 1988, following his success at Augusta with a second in the Dunhill British Masters. Nick Faldo, who is not playing this week, emulated Lyle a year later and Woosnam will hope he can go on to follow in their footsteps this year.

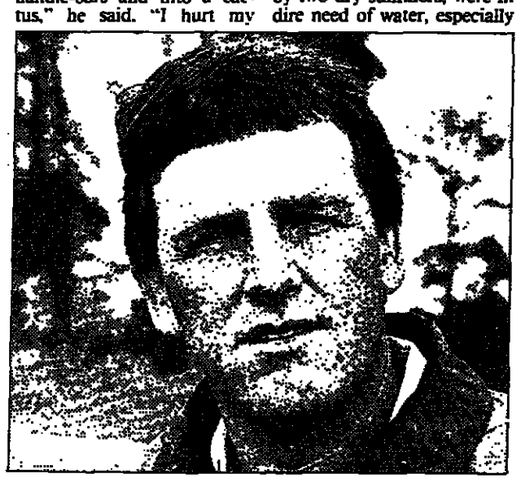
Yet though Woosnam will want to win, it is in his mind to peak in two weeks' time, when the US Open takes place at Hazeltine. "It's a mental thing, really," he said. "I want to do well this week and in the Murphy's Cup at Fulford next week. But I would love to win two major championships in succession and keep the grand slam dream alive."

He dismissed any thought that by playing in York next week, he will not have enough time to acclimatise. "I will be flying by Concorde on Monday, which means I can play nine holes that afternoon. I'll be ready. I was in 1989 when I practiced for three days and finished runner-up."

Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
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5	207	3	14	432	4
6	464	4	15	449	4
7	409	4	16	425	4
8	177	3	17	356	4
9	404	4	18	514	5
Out	3,065	34	In	3,855	38

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Calcavecchia: remains cheerful despite his record

SPORTS LETTERS

Tackling racism in football

From Mr Paul Mitchell

Sir, Your leader "Fair play for blacks" (May 28) was an important discussion of racism in sport. However, as a West Ham United supporter for 16 years, and having attended every home game this season, I feel qualified to refute the choice of the club as an example of one troubled by racist abuse.

There will always be racist comments on football terraces, but at West Ham, at least, there is no longer any evidence of organised racist chanting or abuse. If there was, I would not be a member of the supporters' association. It would be wrong to claim that the racial tensions of the East End have never been manifest at Upton Park, but, apart from a brief spell in the early Eighties, they have never reached the organised fever pitch seen at other clubs.

The club has worked hard to overcome the racism problem and, encouragingly, more and more black faces are now seen on the terraces. There are five black players in the West Ham squad, one of whom, George Parris, was a popular choice for second place in this year's supporters' poll for player of the season. West Ham also employed one of the Football League's first black players, Clyde Best, in the late Sixties.

Racism is still a problem in football, but, if one wants to single out clubs, then one should look to the likes of Leicester City and Everton rather than to West Ham.

Talented players such as Mark Bright, of Crystal Palace, have left Leicester to escape the racist abuse from their own supporters. Everton have no black players despite the large black community on Merseyside. Their supporters regularly celebrate this fact with a sickening song, "Everton are white".

However, in naming these clubs I have no doubt that the majority of their fans are as sickened by this racism as I am. I have no wish to tar them with the same brush as the organised minority on their terraces.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL MITCHELL,
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Stockwell, SW8.

Badminton decline

From Mr M. Kelly

Sir, I take issue with Richard Eaton's comments (May 14) that Ciro Ciniglio has been England's most "successful manager" during the mid-Eighties. Our decline in the world of badminton during that period illustrates a complete contradiction.

From performing creditably in world and European competitions to winning All-England doubles and mixed titles, our standing has declined to that of British tennis: third rate and light years away from producing world champions.

This was endorsed in the recent world championships in Copenhagen when our men's No. 1, Darren Hall, received a comprehensive drubbing at the hands of a little known Russian, 15-3, 15-3. So much for successful managers. The decline began during Ciniglio's leadership and carried on under Paul Whetnall.

World-class players, such as Gillian Gilks, Mike Tredgett, Ray Stevens and Nora Perry, were allowed to do as they liked, and little thought was given to promising juniors, who gained little in experience of partnering such players and became demoralised while these "superstars" were allowed to stay together, as better prize-money filtered into the game.

Talent such as that displayed by Kevin Jolly in the late Seventies, a junior player who was world-class of the age of 17, was dissipated by the Badminton Association.

The situation will deteriorate further with the standard of juniors being produced by the current coaching systems. As for our prospects of even producing a finalist in the world championships in Birmingham in 1993, it is as remote as us winning a singles event at Wimbledon.

While golf, athletics and football standards improve, with coaches coming into line with modern techniques, tennis and badminton slide to an all-time nadir.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE KELLY,
155 Maypole Lane,
Kings Heath,
Birmingham.

An Oxford treble

From Mr Peter Waymouth

Sir, May I add to your comments about University College's barge reappearing on the Isis after 28 years (May 22). St John's also had their barge, recently restored by us, on the river to celebrate the barge's centenary, along with Tom Slocock rowing in the eight. He is the son of the president of the St John's Barge Trust, which has been responsible for the restoration of the barge, and the third generation to have rowed for the college.

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Twickenham debentures

From the Secretary of the Rugby Football Union

Sir, I am not sure whether Mr Tyndall's lament (May 23) is one of moral outrage that the Rugby Football Union should allocate seats for debentures at all, when demand for international match tickets far exceeds supply, or one of horror at the price asked.

The provision of debentures is a well established way of raising funds, which, in the case of Twickenham, are needed to rebuild and modernise the ground, and this apparently has Mr Tyndall's approval. Mindful of the high public demand for tickets, the RFU has not increased the number of debenture places, originally established in 1979, and the figure is lower than at any of the other national rugby grounds in the British Isles.

The price of £6,000 plus VAT for the right to buy a ticket for all England and World Cup matches at Twickenham for ten years was set at what it was believed the business market would stand, and so it has proved, but there are still just a few left. If the object of the exercise is to raise money, I cannot see any point in setting the price below the market level. The completion of the rebuilding programme over the next ten years or so will produce a 75,000 capacity, all-seat, well equipped stadium of which I hope all rugby supporters, including Mr Tyndall, will feel proud.

Yours sincerely,
DUDLEY WOOD,
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Pegasus revived

From Mr Richard Calland

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Need to find truer average

From Mr C. T. A. Ray

Sir, The term batting "average" is a misnomer, if it is thought of in terms of number of visits to the wicket. Since "not out" innings are not counted in the division, a batting average is actually the average runs scored between dismissals; the highest score is that for just one occupation of the crease in a side's innings. The nonsensical batting average of 110 with a highest score of 30 not out (W. A. Johnston, the Australian, had an average of similar proportions in 1953) is only nonsensical because the definition of an "innings" is different for each figure.

Since the fastest century is now more realistically measured according to the number of balls received, and since, at least in the computerised Test match and one-day international details on television, the strike-rate of balls bowled before the next wicket gives evidence of a bowler's menacing properties (could this column not be added to the national bowling averages anyway?), I suggest that a column be added to the batting averages which would give runs per 100 balls received (rpbb).

Compare three batsmen's knocks over a period.

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B	10	400	250	2	59	62.50	21.25
C	20	1000	980	3	100*	98.00	57.65

There is no doubt that C is the best batsman, yet he comes second in the averages. The rpbb reflects his superiority, and A is no longer over-rewarded for crease occupation.

Could some combination of average and rpbb be thought out to produce a more meaningful order of merit?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER RAY,
Wyndhams Corner, The Green,
East Knoyle, Wiltshire.

Handicap review

From Mr J. A. May

Sir, Mr Hancock (May 23) is right: the golf handicapping system needs review, particularly for seniors.

Of course, any system which bases handicaps on medal scores, usually from the back tees, is unlikely to prove fair in matchplay, which is usually from the front tees and the form of golf most of us mostly play.

Many of us, particularly seniors, can play in only a few medals each year. When we do at my club, the competitions are usually from the white tees. But we are only allowed to play from the white in these competitions, so we play an unfamiliar course. This might be a help in terms of handicap, except that it now takes many bad rounds to enable the elderly to go up even one shot.

I am 78 this year. My exact handicap after three years and eight competitions is 19.8. I shall be 80 before I can play off 21, 85 before I qualify for a 22-handicap and more than 90 before I can reach 24. I shall never get to 28, even though a gypsy has told me I shall live to be 97. In our Elder Brethren matches I sometimes find myself giving shots to men up to 21 years younger than myself, who hit the ball 50 yards further.

Perhaps we should have two handicaps. One would be our competition handicap, based on medal scores, the other our matchplay handicap, allotted to us by the club committee and based on a number of returns from friendlies. Super Seniors should be put up by one stroke a year unless competition scores dictate otherwise.

Yours ruefully,
J. A. MAY,
Amberley, Danes Close,
Oxshott, Surrey.

On a wider stage

From Mr W. E. Baldwin

Sir, Now at last the rest of the cricket world has had the experience of witnessing what we in Lancashire have been enjoying for several years: a truly wonderful century by Neil Fairbrother.

It was also a great help in shepherding England to a marvellous win and Graeme Hick to his first big international score. We trust Fairbrother will have further opportunities at Test level.

Yours sincerely,
W. E. BALDWIN,
7 Springfield Avenue,
Blackburn, Lancashire.

Pause for breath

From Mr Peter West

Sir, Would it be too much to ask my old television colleague, Geoffrey Boycott, whose knowledge of cricket is profound and whose comments are so often illuminating, to pause for breath now and again and ease up on his tutorial?

Yours truly,
PETER WEST,
The Paddock,
Duntisbourne Abbotts,
Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Defending success

From Mr Carl Bain

Sir, My colleagues and I, who, as owners, have horses at Martin Pipe's stables, were delighted to see in your columns (May 28) confirmation that the ITV *Cook Report* failed in an unworthy attempt to malign one of our champions in the "sport of kings". What drives our nation to hit out at its great achievers?

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Laurel Queen to initiate double for in-form Berry

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MICHAEL PHILLIPS

JACK Berry's great start to the season can continue today at Carlisle where **Laurel Queen** (2.15) and **It's Only Money** (4.45) can give the successful Cockerham trainer another double.

In going nap on It's Only Money to win the Langdale Maiden Auction Stakes, I am aware that he must give 6lb to Sense Of Priority, who has finished second in both his races so far. On the most recent occasion he was beaten a head at Beverley by Whittingham, who dead-heated for first place in a listed race in Rome last Saturday.

However, I feel that It's Only Money will prove equal to the task. He is trained by the man who not only handled Whittingham until after that Italian race, but also Threepence, who beat Sense Of Priority on his debut at Newcastle. If Berry doesn't know whether It's Only Money is capable of coping with Sense Of Priority, no-one does.

Having watched It's Only Money run with such infinite promise on his debut at Newmarket, I am convinced that he will do better now that he is racing over the minimum trip because the sixth and last furlong of that Newmarket race, for which he started favourite, seemed to find him out.

On a point of breeding, It's Only Money also has a pedigree which strongly suggests that five furlongs could well turn out to be his ideal trip: he is by the sprinter Prince Sabo and out of mare by another fast horse, Music Boy.

Overpower, my selection for the Norweb Smart Heat Handicap, had two wins over today's course and distance to his credit when he was trained by Bill Watts. He is now in the care of Mark Tompkins, for whom he ran quite a promising first race at Pontefract last Friday when he was beaten only a neck by Stylish Gent.

My reservation is prompted by a race-reader's report that he would not go past the winner when asked to do so. So it is not surprising to see that Overpower has been declared to run today wearing a visor, clearly in the hope it will galvanise him into coping with Puffy and Avishayes, who finished second and third respectively in an apprentices' race won by Lust Of Love at Doncaster last Saturday. On that occasion only half a length separated them at the end and they meet now on the same terms.

A good run by either, or both, will point to the chance that **Leave It To Lib**, who finished a close fifth in that same race at Doncaster of winning the Borrowdale Handicap.

No Candles Tonight, who has run well in races won by Straldi and Pfalz, is taken to win the Dunmail Maiden Stakes at the expense of Canticle and Dance Partout.

At Brighton, the Flanagan and Allen Handicap can go to the Ron Hodges-trained five-year-old **How's Yer Father**, who has already won twice on this switchback track already this season.

Helawe, my choice for the Clayton Handicap is another who fits into the horses for courses category in that he has five victories at Brighton on his slate. Over the years the pattern of events has pointed strongly to there being a case for following course specialists there almost more than anywhere else.

Wish Of Luck, an attractively-bred filly by Diesis out of the smart racemare Kesar Queen, has an excellent opportunity to get off the mark in the Shoreham Maiden Stakes. She was a fair fourth to Fly To The Moon at Warwick on her seasonal debut and this looks an easier task.

Finally, **Sir Dancelot**, who is a half-brother to the good stayer River God, is preferred to Hawait Al Barr for the Regency Maiden Stakes on the strength of that promising racecourse debut at Bath, where he was two and a half lengths runner-up to the more experienced Moat Garden.

Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 2.30 Commanding Officer. 3.30 Kalabridge, Greenhills Lad. CARLISLE: 2.45 Cheerful Charlie.

Brittain colt for Chantilly classic

CLIVE Brittain, the season's leading trainer, has decided to run Luchiroverte in the Prix du Jockey-Club at Chantilly on Sunday (Michael Seely writes). Brittain will supplement Lady Beaverbrook's colt at a fee of around £20,000.

The Predominate Stakes runner-up will attempt to give British trainers their third victory in the French Derby in as many seasons, following Old Vic and Sanglamore.

Yesterday, after Luchiroverte had moved well in a gallop, Brittain said: "The colt has taken his Goodwood race well and is in good shape." Corals quote 14-1 against Luchiroverte. They make Suave Dancer and Pistolet Bleu their joint-favourites at 6-4 with Cudas, the conqueror of Suave Dancer in the Prix Lupin, 3-1.

The eclipse of Lycius and Ganges, the French-trained second and third to Mystiko in the 2,000 Guineas but well behind Fourstars Allstar in the Curragh equivalent, has caused a downgrading of British classic form by *Timeform*. It rates Cudas and Suave Dancer as the top three-year-olds in Europe, one pound in front of Fourstars Allstar and 2lb ahead of Corrupt and Star Of Gdansk, the runner-up in Ireland.

Fanshawe hope disappoints in testing gallop

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT



Fanshawe: will blood test Environment Friend

ENVIRONMENT Friend, well backed for the Derby since winning the William Hill Dante Stakes at York by five lengths, has eased in Ladbrokes' betting from 10-1 to 12-1 after disappointing James Fanshawe in a nine-furlong gallop on the Limekilns at Newmarket yesterday.

"We're having him blood-tested as a precautionary measure," said the second-season trainer after Environment Friend, partnered by George Duffield, had finished alongside Stylish Senor. "He's still a likely runner, but I don't want people thinking that the colt has pleased me when he hasn't."

Fanshawe went on: "From my experience when working for Michael Stoute, I know that horses can disappoint in gallops and still win big races. But when you have as impressive a trial winner as Environment Friend and you set him a stiff task in his last important gallop before the Derby, you hope to see him do it well. He didn't appear to find much in the last furlong."

On a busy morning on the Heath, Steve Cauthen was confirmed as attempting to win a third Derby on Clive Brittain's Italian Derby winner Hailsham. The decision was taken after Peking Opera, Cauthen's intended mount, had put up an indifferent performance when galloped with Mujaazif, Rock Hopper and Desert Dirham. "There wouldn't be much point in running him after that," said Michael Stoute. Hailsham automatically becomes Cauthen's mount as the colt will be Sheikh Mohammed's only runner.

Mujaazif, ridden by his big race partner Walter Swinburn, showed no ill effects from a back injury sustained in the 2,000 Guineas and worked with great zest in a strongly-run gallop. He finished up sides the in-form Rock Hopper, whose Epsom target is the Coronation Cup.

The other Derby gallops produced only negative results. Peter Davies, one-time winter favourite, showed no sparkle at all for Lester Piggott when finishing last behind Spritsail and Sardegna. "Peter Davies won't run," said Charles St George. "Hokusai is also an unlikely starter."

Options are running out for Piggott if the master of Epsom is to improve on his record of nine Derby victories. Quashing the rumour that Piggott may be associated with the French-trained Hector Protector, Alan Cooper, Stavros's Niarchos's racing manager, said, "Hector Protector will be ridden by Freddie Head. It's as simple as that."

Henry Cecil also worked Perpendicular right-handed on the round gallop but Lord Howard de Walden's Dante Stakes third is considered unlikely to stay a mile and half.

Earlier in the day Clive Brittain was exuding confidence about Mystiko. The season's leading trainer watched the 2,000 Guineas winner work a solo mile on the woodchip gallop. "Just look at his stride pattern," said Brittain proudly. "That will have put him just right. He'll do some swimming, if the wind isn't too cold, and then he'll have a sharp five furlong spin on either Monday or Tuesday."

Michael Roberts rode both the French Derby bound Luchiroverte and Sikeston, who is to take on the other British raider, Sanglamore, in the Prix D'Ispahan at Chantilly on Sunday.

Neville Callaghan watched the strongly-fancied Lingfield Derby Trial winner, Corupt, on Racecourse side. "He went just as well as he did before winning at Lingfield," said Pat Eddery.

News also came from both John Dunlop and Guy Harwood. No decision has yet been reached about Marju, who worked ten furlongs on Newbury racecourse yesterday. After Willie Carson had ridden the beaten 2,000 Guineas favourite, Dunlop said: "Willie said that the colt moved 100 per cent which was satisfactory. But unfortunately the lead horse, Azzaam, didn't do a proper job so we're none the wiser about whether he is likely to stay a mile and half. He'll be tested by the vet tomorrow then I'll talk to the owner before we finally make up our minds."

Encouraging reports came from Pulborough about Cruachan, who has been heavily backed since winning impressively at York. "Overall I am very pleased with him," Harwood said.

DERBY BETTING: Corals. 3-1 Mystiko, 7-2 Toulon, 11-2 Corrupt, 8-1 Generous, 10-1 Environment Friend, Hector Protector. 12-1 Cruachan, Marju, 16-1 others. Hillis. 7-2 Mystiko, 4-1 Toulon, 5-1 Corrupt, 10-1 Generous, Environment Friend, Hector Protector, 11-1 Cruachan, 25-1 others. Ladbrokes: 7 2 Mystiko, Toulon, 5-1 Corrupt, 9-1 Generous, 10-1 Cruachan, 11-1 Hector Protector, 12-1 Environment Friend, 16-1 others.

YACHTING

Selectors order one-ton match

By BARRY PICKTHALL

MIKE Peacock's 50ft yacht Juno and the RAF's two-tonner Oracle have been formally named to represent Britain against seven other nations in the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup series in August.

The selectors remain undecided about the smaller one-ton slot, however, and have called on the two short-listed yachts — the Lawrie Smith-skippered Port Pendennis and the Anglo-Italian entry, Shardana, steered by David Bedford — to race at Keil this weekend.

Smith's newly-launched Dubois design won the first 200-mile trial by a decisive margin a day after her launching. In subsequent races, however, she has paid for breakages she sustained in the first race due to lack of preparation time.

Yesterday Smith was less than impressed with the decision to extend the trials. "We were only told this morning and it is now too late to get all my crew together. Nothing will be learned or served by racing against Shardana that could not have been learned by match racing in the Solent last weekend.

"We were going to Kiel to tune up against 13 other one-tonners in preparation for the One Ton Cup in six weeks' time. Now we will be match-racing against one boat and the two of us will probably finish last and second to last. It is a complete waste of three days of tuning."

Shardana's crew remain less concerned. "We knew these trials would involve 10 per cent racing and 90 per cent politics," crewman Marcus Hutchinson said yesterday. "The score is 5-2 to Shardana. We are the people's choice, but have not been selected yet because we have none of the big names aboard."

Ironically, none of the British selectors will be at Keil. Bill Edgerton, the Royal Yachting Association's offshore coach, will be their eyes and ears.

Meanwhile, Smith said yesterday that Peter de Savary definitely wanted to continue his America's Cup challenge. "Personally, I think he will go ahead with it," he said.

Container quickly into flow

By MALCOLM MCKEAG

CONTAINER, the newly launched Judel/Vrolik design owned by Udo Schutz, which has already been nominated for the German team in this year's Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup, has taken control of the 50-foot Regatta at Travemunde, Germany. She leads overall after five of the seven races.

Britain's Juno V consolidated her third overall with another fourth place yesterday as Bert Dolk's British-built Pro-motion VII won for The Netherlands. Juno dropped to seventh in the fourth race but, with one race to discount once the series is completed, she stands to improve overall against Paul Cayard's Abracadabra, who is carrying a tenth and a sixth.

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, Container (U Schutz, Ger, Judel/Vrolik). 2, Pro-mohon VII (B Dolk, Neth, Frers); 3, Insahable (Krohbiel, Lee and Tank, US, Nelson/Marek); 4, Carat VII (V Forss, Swe, Farr): Juno V (M Peacock, GB, Farr), 7th Fifth race: 1, Pro-motion VII. 2, Container; 3, Abracadabra (P Cayard, It, Reichel/Pugh), 4, Juno V Overall: 1, Container; 2, Abracadabra, 3, Juno V; 4, Mandrake (G Camero, It, Farr); 5, Pro-motion VII. 6, Fujimo (J Schostak, US, Reichel/Pugh).

Holland extends run with win on Bellefan

DARRYLL Holland continued his fine spell with a victory on Bellefan, trained by Michael Bell, in the Coomes Fillies' Handicap at Brighton yesterday.

Holland did, however, have to survive a stewards' enquiry as Paul Eddery, the rider of third-placed Milnes Way, lodged an objection for "taking my ground inside the final furlong". But the stewards found nothing untoward and Holland was able to claim his 23rd success of the season.

It was a nineteenth win for Bell, almost half of them ridden by apprentices. "I'm a big fan of apprentices," Bell said. "They help keep you ahead of the handicapper."

Bell was also singing the praises of Brett Doyle, who is attached to Clive Brittain, and his own apprentice, Paul Turner. "When Darryll starts claiming 3lb I've every confidence in Paul."

Bell, now in his third season, is just two short of his best total and Bellefan could go for the Ritz Club Fern Hill Handicap at the Ascot Heath fixture which concludes the royal meeting.

Michael Roberts missed an opportunity to close the gap on Pat Eddery in the jockeys' championship after being delayed in London having had to attend an enquiry. He arrived too late to take the mount on Access Flyer in the Wally Coomes Handicap, and deputy Ray Cochrane brought the colt with a late run to overhaul Very Dicey.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Brighton

Going: firm

2.00 (5f 66yd) 1, ACCESS FLYER (R Cochrane, 7-1); 2, Very Dicey (A Martinez, 11-10 fav); 3, Dream Of Tomorrow (W Carson, 3-1). ALSO RAN. 11-2 Shades Of Jade (5th), 8 Rainbow Fleet (4th) 5 ran NR: Serious Hurry, Waltangriff ½l, 2½l, 4l, Si R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £6.80: £3.70, £1.10. DF: £6.20. CSF: £14.76

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, CHANDLERY (S Cauthen, 4-9 fav), 2, Carversail (R Cochrane, 4-1), 3, Shady Lad (Paul Eddery, 5-1) 3 ran. NR Daz Zad, 7l, 10l. H Cecil at Newmarket Tote £1.20. DF: £1.30 CSF: £2.14

3.05 (1m) 1, BELLEFAN (D Holland, 2-1 fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Blue Room (T Quinn, 14-1), 3, Milna's Way (Paul Eddery, 9-2) ALSO RAN: 6 Darakari (6th), 8 Langtry Lady (4th), Aghniyah, 9 Makeshift (5th), 10 Grown At Rowan, 50 Nerolli. 9 ran. 1½l, ¾l, nk, 4l, 4l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £3.20, £1.80. DF: £26.70. CSF: £26.47. Tricast: £103.75 After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.40 (5f 66yd) 1, MONTI BEPPO (W Carson, 4-1), 2, Mary's Special (W Newnes, 33-1); 3, Savalaro (A Mackay, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Walk In The Park (4th), 5 Fair Share (5th), 11-2 Simon Ellis, 20 Im Telling You Mr (6th), 25 Signore De Angles, Queen Of Pendona. 9 ran 3l, ¾l, 1l, 4l, ¾l. J Berry at Cockerham Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £4.40, £1.20 DF: £22.30. CSF: £68.62 Bought in for 6,400gns

4.10 (1m) 1, KEMPINSKI (J Fortune, 8-13 fav); 2, Marching Past (M Roberts, 8-4); 3, Western Ace (M Tebbutt, 14-1) 3 ran. 2½l, nk. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote. £1.60. DF £1.20 CSF: £1 81

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, BANKROLL (A Morris, 6-1), 2, Fanatical (W Newnes, 3-1); 3, Churchill Express (W Carson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Checkpoint Charlie (6th), 13-2 Nachamal Revene, 12 San Roque (4th), 25 Simply Des (5th). 7 ran. 2½l, 3½l, 12l, 1l, 15l. C Cyzer at Horsham. Tote: £5.80; £3.00, £2.10. DF: £10.20. CSF £22.64.

Placepot: £32.20.

Cartmel

Going: good (soft in places)

2.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Burnt Fingers (D Skyrme, 13-8), 2, Tulum (5-4 fav), 3, Lindsey Doyle (16-1). 8 ran 7l, dist. J White Tote: £2.90; £1.60, £1.10, £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF £4.64.

2.50 (2m 1f ch) 1, Clever Folly (N Doughty, 11-8 fav); 2, Marejo (2-1); 3, Downhill Run (14-1). 5 ran NR: Eddies Well, Majestic Fling 2½l, 20l. G Richards. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £1.50 DF: £2.90 CSF: £4.57

3.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Temporale (R Supple, 16-1), 2, Vain Prince (13-2); 3, Slippery Max (12-1). Deb's Bail 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, nk. K Burke. Tote: £18.40; £4.30, £2.90 DF: £63.50 CSF £105.87.

4.00 (2m 5f ch) 1, Candlebright (N Doughty, 8-11 fav), 2, Bustamente (5-2); 3, Divine Charger (5-1) 9 ran 4l, 12l. G Richards Tote: £1.90, £1.10, £1.10, £1.40 DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.15.

4.35 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Starlight Wonder (N Smith, 14-1), 2, Tamise (10-1), 3, Yamanouchi (10-1). Facility Letter 5-4 fav 13 ran. NR: Roy Hobbs. 1l, nk. R Barr. Tote: £16.70: £3.50, £2.30, £2.90. DF: £126.30. CSF: £155 82.

5.10 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Yacht Club (Mr P Lockier, 7-1), 2, Upwell (33-1), 3, La Mollelle (33-1) Rosehip 7-4 fav. 12 ran. 8l, 12l. J Eyre Tote £6.80; £2.00, £5 40, £5.20 DF: £123.40. CSF. £163 68. Tricast: £6,308.35.

Placepot: £1,182.60

☐ The Jockey Club disciplinary committee yesterday dismissed an appeal by the connections of Al Shany against the stewards' decision not to award him a race at Salisbury earlier this month.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Chesters Lady, Hamitonian, Always Native, Solicitude, The Island, Polstove, Sunset Forever, Miss Relsun, Just A Jiffy, El Arab.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good to firm

7.25 (1m 2f) 1, Stagecraft (S Cauthen, 100-30 fav); 2, Bold Russian (9-2); 3, Croupier (25-1) 11 ran. 2½l, 2½l. M Stoute. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £2.20, £5.50. DF: £8.50. CSF: £18.49.

7.55 (5f) 1, Marling (G Carter, 8-13 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Miss Bluebird (5-1); 3, Lady Of Mann (10-1). 4 ran. NR: Fair Crack. Nk, 12l. G Wragg Tote. £1.60. DF £3.80. CSF: £3.68.

8.25 (1m 3f 100yd) 1, Chiefs Babu (B Raymond, 11-4 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Stop Press (3-1); 3, Port Sunlight (10-1). 14 ran. ½l, Si. B Hanbury. Tote: £3.80; £2.20, £1.80, £3.00. DF: £5.40. CSF: £12.98. Tricast: £74.57

8.55 (1m 2f) 1, Lodestar (S Cauthon, 5-6 fav); 2, Saluting Walter (11-2); 3, Moon Festival (16-1). 16 ran. Nk, 2½l. G Harwood. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.80, £3.90 DF: £3.90. CSF: £6.96.

Placepot: £28.40

9.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Howgill (Mr S Wynne, 4-1); 2, Wicket (7-4 fav); 3, Furry Path (100-30). 11 ran. 1½l, 2l. R Hollinshead. Tote: £5.90; £1.40, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £5.30. CSF: £11.19.

Placepot: £20.30

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103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 86

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell, P — pulled up, U — unseated rider, B — brought down, S — slipped up, R — refused, D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (S — blinkers, V — visor, H — hood, E — Eyeshield, C — course winner, D — distance winner, CD — course and distance winner, BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard, G — good, S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

BRIGHTON

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.00 Sir Dancelot.	2.00 Hawait Al Barr.	3.00 Pure Green.
2.30 Excelsis.	2.30 Saxon Lad.	
3.00 How's Yer Father.	3.00 **PURE GREEN** (nap).	
3.30 Stradbally Mount.	3.30 Charming Reply.	
4.00 Wish Of Luck.	4.00 Serene Woods.	
4.30 Helawe.	4.30 Helawe.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 **WISH OF LUCK** (nap). 4.30 Helawe.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: 6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 REGENCY MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
(£2,174: 1m 4f) (7 runners)

1	(4)	00-0080	HENRI LE COMTE 28 (Mrs J Powell) M McCormack 4-9-10	J Reid	52
2	(7)	500-	ONENINEFIVE 202J (Mrs E Scott) G Ham 5-9-5	A Dicks	—
3	(1)	00-6402	BOLD RESOLUTION 12 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-5	T McLaughlin (7)	85
4	(5)	2	SIR DANCELOT 19 (S Kamel) G Harwood 3-8-5	R Cochrane	95
5	(2)	35-2	HAWAIT AL BARR 19 (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-1	Paul Eddery	● 99
6	(3)	0-00	NAUGHTY NORA 10 (K Higson) A Moore 3-8-1	Candy Morris	69
7	(6)		SOHA (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-1	M Roberts	—

BETTING: 6-4 Sir Dancelot, 15-8 Hawait Al Barr, 4-1 Soha, 13-2 Bold Resolution, 33-1 Naughty Nora, Oneninefive, 50-1 Henri Le Comte

1990: MY BALLERINA 8-2 T Quinn (4-1) P Cole 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD RESOLUTION ½l 2nd to Sunray Dancer in a handicap at Lingfield (1m 2f, good). SIR DANCELOT 2½l 2nd to Moat Garden in a maiden at Bath (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm). HAWAIT AL BARR, eased when beaten, 4l 2nd to Jizza in a maiden at Lingfield (1m 2f, good). SOHA (cost 800,000gns) by Dancing Brave, is first foal of Italian Oaks winner Paris Royal. Selection: HAWAIT AL BARR

2.30 HELEN MCLEOD-SMITH MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,304: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

1	(2)	1120/0-4	SAXON LAD 10 (F) (R Moore) G Enright 5-8-7	J Hunter	77
2	(4)	000-000	COMMANDING OFFICER 31 (B) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-0	T McLaughlin	—
3	(3)	52258-0	EXCELSIS 83 (C Dehanay) J Jenkins 5-9-0	T Wilson	● 99
4	(1)	220-0	ERGANA 10 (B Moon) W Holden 4-8-9	B Russell (3)	—

BETTING: 5-4 Saxon Lad, 5-2 Excelsis, 11-4 Ergana, 8-1 Commanding Officer.

1990: TRUE DIVIDEND 4-8-9 J Weaver (5-2) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SAXON LAD 9l 4th to Glassblower in at claimer at Folkestone (1m 2f, firm). EXCELSIS 13l 8th to Jokers Patch in a claimer here (1m 4f, good to firm), with COMMANDING OFFICER always behind 17l 12th. Better form last year included when 3l 2nd to Ghadbbean at Windsor (1m 3f 150yd, good to firm) in August. ERGANA always behind 22l 6th to Midday Show on British debut in a claimer at Folkestone (1m 2f, firm). Placed in maidens at Saint-Cloud last summer. Selection: EXCELSIS

3.00 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (£2,846: 6f) (5 runners)

1	(1)	5660-00	GREEN DOLLAR 3 (CD,F,G) (B Azamoudeh) E Wheeler 8-10-0	S Dawson	91
2	(3)	160-200	PURE GREEN 19 (F) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarek 4-9-12	R Fox	98
3	(2)	4-01000	FARMER JOCK 20 (CD,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-8-9	S Keightley	● 99
4	(4)	36-6110	HOW'S YER FATHER 12 (CD,F) (Unity Farm Ltd) R Hodges 5-8-11	A Clark	93
5	(5)	0000-00	MR SMILEY 27J (Kingsley Holidays Ltd) J Baker 4-8-1	A McGlone	92

BETTING: 2-1 Pure Green, 5-2 How's Yer Father, 3-1 Farmer Jock, 8-1 Green Dollar, 14-1 Mr Smiley.

1990: SO CAREFUL 7-10-0 N Connorton (100-30 jt-fav) J Berry 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREEN DOLLAR slowly away when 12l 8th to Belligay at Chepstow (6f 16yd, good to firm). PURE GREEN 4½l 9th to Ever So Artistic at Newmarket (5f, good). Previously ½l 2nd to Clear Practice at Kempton (5f, good). FARMER JOCK 3¾l 8th of 22 to Cronk's Courage on penultimate start at Kempton (6f, good to firm). HOW'S YER FATHER beat Iron King ¾l on penultimate start over course and distance (good to firm). MR SMILEY 9l 7th to Steepline Fantasy on penultimate start here (7f, good to firm), with FARMER JOCK (11lb worse off) 9l 15th. Selection: PURE GREEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
A Stewart	16	39	41.0	M Roberts	25	94	26.6
M Prescott	17	48	35.4	G Duffield	19	98	19.8
G Harwood	38	102	35.3	R Hills	15	83	18.1
J Gosden	5	15	33.3	R Cochrane	19	126	15.1
H Thomson Jones	14	55	25.5	J Reid	34	234	14.5
M Ryan	11	58	19.0	Paul Eddery	10	91	11.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

CARLISLE

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Laurel Queen.	2.15 Laurel Queen.	4.45 **IT'S ONLY MONEY** (nap).
2.45 Escape Talk.	2.45 Bobby On The Bank.	5.15 Cool Enough.
3.15 Overpower.	3.15 Lilly Camilly.	
3.45 No Candles Tonight.	3.45 Canticle.	
4.15 Quinzii Martin.	4.15 Abu Hanifah.	
4.45 **IT'S ONLY MONEY** (nap).	4.45 Sense Of Priority.	
5.15 Leave It To Lib.	5.15 Furiella.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Overpower.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 **SENSE OF PRIORITY.**

GOING: HARD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE STAKES (£2,499: 1m) (4 runners)

1	(4)	00-0304	HICKORY WIND 10 (F) (Lord Durham) Denys Smith 4-9-8	Gail Collingwood (5)	83
2	(1)	0-00000	AYODESSA 31 (F) (Mrs B Georgiou) Ronald Thompson 4-9-1	A Todd (5)	91
3	(3)	3-R3050	STRADBROKE 13 (B) (Miss S Lavery) M James 4-8-11	B Lane	87
4	(2)	0-14131	LAUREL QUEEN 10 (C,D,F,G) (Laural (Leisure) Limited) J Berry 3-8-3	W Hollick (5)	● 99

BETTING: 1-2 Laurel Queen, 3-1 Hickory Wind, 6-1 Ayodessa, 10-1 Stradbroke.

1990: NICE MANA 5-9-1 C Hodgson (8-1) W Pearce 4 ran

2.45 LORTON SELLING HANDICAP (£2,911: 1m) (14 runners)

1	(8)	434553-	HANNAH'S BOY 220 (F) (W Storey) W Storey 5-9-10	S Webster	91
2	(12)	400-136	NIKLAS ANGEL 12 (V,D,F,G,S) (Winning Post Ltd) M Tompkins 5-9-9	C Hodgson (5)	97
3	(2)	005-0	CHEERFUL CHARLIE 6 (B) (Exors of Mrs B Smith) B McMahon 4-9-6	K Fallon	80
4	(14)	040000-	MAC KELTY 143J (S) (W Swaine) T Barron 4-9-2	Alex Greaves (3)	94
5	(5)	65-2002	JOHNS GAMBLE 20 (B) (J Jackson) T Fairhurst 3-9-2	J Fanning (5)	92
6	(11)	050-06	INSEYAB 21 (Mrs P Haslam) P Haslam 3-8-9	R P Elliott	95
7	(13)	00530-5	DREAM ON 19 (Miss N Cassidy) M Johnston 3-8-9	P Bowe (7)	89
8	(6)	50-0000	MOONLIGHT SAIL 13 (B,D,F) (B Posey) R Stubbs 4-8-7	S Wood (3)	90
9	(11)	56/0-0	SEXY MOVER 5J (A Crook) W Storey 4-8-4	J Fortune	—
10	(4)	0210-03	SOBBY ON THE BANK 8 (F,S) (R Molyneux) M O'Neill 5-8-3	A Mackay	97
11	(7)	048-500	ROBINS RETURN 12 (D Smith) Denys Smith 3-8-2	A Mackay	98
12	(9)	00400-4	ESCAPE TALK 45 (F) (J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-1	J Lowe	● 99
13	(10)	005-0	AUVILLAR 30 (V) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 3-8-1	Dean McKeown	—
14	(3)	000-000	DIAMOND SINGH 12 (B) (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 4-7-11	L Charnock	—

BETTING: 3-1 Bobby On The Bank, 7-2 Escape Talk, 9-2 Dream On, 11-2 Johns Gamble, 7-1 Niklas Angel, 10-1 Inseyab, 12-1 Hannah's Boy, 14-1 Robins Return, 16-1 others.

1990: ELECTRIC ROSE 5-8-11 R Morse (11-1) C Allen 10 ran

3.15 NORWEB SMART HEAT HANDICAP (£2,586: 1m) (7 runners)

1	(7)	013-062	PUFFY 5 (F,G,S) (A Watson) G Moore 4-10-0	K Fallon	● 99
2	(4)	3/000-32	CARRY ON CARY 10 (BF,S) (Mrs L Stubbs) R Stubbs 5-9-13	D Nicholls	88
3	(5)	33U36-2	OVERPOWER 6 (V,CD,F,S) (M Bowring) M Tompkins 7-9-10	C Hodgson (5)	96
4	(6)	0000-04	CROFTER'S CLINE 17 (B,C,F,G) (P Clarkson) M O'Neill 7-9-0	D Biggs (5)	95
5	(3)	20-0006	FIGHTING CHRISTINE 12 (V) (Hambleton Racing 1989) P Haslam 4-8-11	Dean McKeown	99
6	(1)	00-0053	AVISHAYES 5 (N De Sevary) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-7	S Maloney (5)	97
7	(2)	00/410-	LILLY CAMILLY 268 (D,F) (Mrs D Morris) Miss L Siddall 4-8-1	S Maloney (5)	89

BETTING: 5-2 Overpower, 7-2 Carry On Cary, 4-1 Avishayes, 11-2 Puffy, 6-1 Crofter's Cline, 8-1 Lilly Camilly, 16-1 Fighting Christine.

1990: NORQUAY 5-9-10 Kim Tinkler (9-2) N Tinkler 7 ran

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3.30 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,716: 1m) (14 runners)

1	(3)	060-003	VA UTU 10 (Clairdean (Pallets) Ltd) M Channon 9-7	M Wigham	87
2	(6)	53-8503	PRINCESS JESTINA 21 (F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 9-7	J Marshall (7)	84
3	(5)	363040-	COOL COQUELIN 176 (R Billingsley) J Jenkins 9-0	J Williams	80
4	(1)	00-0	KELLY'S KITE 48 (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 8-11	J Quinn	—
5	(2)	0022-00	KALABRIDGE 12 (B) (Esmen Ltd) M Ryan 8-11	G Duffield	83
6	(11)	60-006	STRADBALLY MOUNT 10 (V) (Exors of the late G Cooke) M McCormack 8-11	J Reid	88
7	(10)	0600-0	BRIDAL DANCE 23 (Mrs W Beckwood) R Hannon 8-10	M Roberts	91
8	(4)	000-400	BIRLING ASHES 21 (Mrs S Garrad) J Jenkins 8-10	S Whitworth	83
9	(7)	65000-0	GREENHILLS LAD 7 (B) (Automarque Ltd) R Akehurst 8-8	Ron Hills (3)	● 99
10	(12)	000-400	SPECIAL REQUEST 10 (B) (Albury Racing Ltd) K Ivory 8-5	Dana Mellor	92
11	(13)	308005	JUST READY 17 (K White) G Ham 8-5	A Dicks	93
12	(14)	0-6004	CHARMING REPLY 5 (Mrs M Pearson) M Usher 8-2	C Rutter	97
13	(9)	000-0	SCOTSH 23 (Mrs D MacRae) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-1	A McGlone	—
14	(8)	0-0000	TELSTEAM 20 (T Mills) W Carter 7-9	T Williams	—

BETTING: 5-2 Birling Ashes, 5-1 Kalabridge, 6-1 Princess Jestina, 7-1 Va Utu, 8-1 Charming Reply, 10-1 Greenhills Lad, Stradbally Mount, 14-1 others.

1990: FINAL ENIGMA 8-2 R Hills (3-1 fav) P Makin 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

VA UTU 8¼l 3rd to Wednesdays Auction in a claimer at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good). PRINCESS JESTINA ½l 3rd to Debjano over course and distance (good to firm), with BIRLING ASHES (16lb better off) 8½l 7th and SPECIAL REQUEST 12th. KALABRIDGE never dangerous 11th of 14 to Salbyng in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m, standard), and 5l 2nd to Sarcita in a handicap at Folkestone (6f, good to soft). STRADBALLY MOUNT 18½l 6th of 8 to Komombo in a maiden at Bath (1m 2f 60yd, firm). JUST READY 7l 6th of 14 to Stane Street at Wolverhampton (1m 3f, firm). CHARMING REPLY staying-on 7l 4th of 15 to Eternal Flame in a

One-day form should not be passport to Tests



Ramprakash: gifted

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

THE first duty of the England selectors, when they meet today, will be to empty their minds of almost everything they have seen during the past, triumphant week of one-day cricket. As ever, they will not find it easy.

Having quite properly chosen a squad specifically for the Texaco Trophy, and with conspicuous success, they must now redirect their thoughts to the entirely different demands of the five-day game in selecting a side for the first Cornhill Test match at Headingley next week.

This means omitting some of those who excelled in the three Texaco victories. Inevitably, it will seem harsh if, for instance, the names of Neil Fairbrother and Richard Illingworth are not among those announced tomorrow. In fact, it would be nothing of the kind.

Fairbrother settled the match at Lord's on Monday with a century which simultaneously broadcast his batting virtues and vices. He is a thrilling strokemaker, but has he conquered his suspect shot selection and limited defence? Illingworth did little wrong with bat, ball or in the field over three games, but, in his primary role as a spin bowler, would he get anyone out in a Test match?

If, as I believe, the answer to both questions is no, then the efforts of Fairbrother and Illingworth in the one-day game, to which they are best suited, should be no passport to a Test place.

Selectors, historically, tend to espouse such principles in advance and then, due to the unfortunate timing of the Texaco games, follow the easier path by picking Test teams on one-day form. Ted Dexter, chairman of the England committee, is keenly aware of the trap and, one hopes, will avoid it.

The automatic return of Robin Smith would account for Fairbrother's spot. Mark Ramprakash, who has added patience and maturity to his sundry gifts, merits inclusion in the party if only as a reserve batsman.

There can be little need for discussion over the rest of the batting, which, on paper at least, looks as capable of dealing with the West Indian fast bowling attack as any England side has been in the past dozen years. If, however, injuries require any rejigging at the top of the order, the form of Hugh Morris, Chris Smith and Mark Benson, respectively averaging 91, 89 and 78, is reassuring security.

Any one of these three must have more chance of inclusion than David Gower, who returned from Australia, knowing his place was in doubt and fearing that his face no longer fitted, but has since done nothing in county cricket to demand an extension of his career.

Gower is now in a similar position to the one Ian Botham was in this time last year, his form impoverished and his acknowledged class widely considered an outdated luxury. To general astonishment, however, Botham has rallied to such effect that the selectors would be right to give him every opportunity to play in his 98th Test match.

There can, as yet, be no guarantees that Botham's hamstring injury will recover within a week, but he has not spared himself in his efforts to get enough of the right treatment and he is making encouraging progress. Given the way he treated their bowlers, at Worcester, and their batsmen, at Edgbaston, West Indies would be happier if Botham did not play, which is the best possible reason for including him.

Chris Lewis may be relying on Botham not making it; otherwise, he is likely to lose out to DeFreitas who, at the age of 25, is achieving the consistency and penetration beyond him in his earlier years. England will need him as the steadying third seam bowler if, as I hope, they go in with a double-barrelled opening attack of Malcolm and Lawrence.

There was some merit in saving Malcolm for the Tests, even if replacing him with Lawrence, in the Texaco team, lacked logic. When he did play, at Lord's, Lawrence performed in character, taking four wickets at some expense. He was, however, genuinely quick and the Malcolm-Lawrence combination will test West Indian batsmen more familiar with having the hostile bowling on their own side.

Fraser's absence, which is expected to be depressingly long, is an enormous blow to England's planning, especially as the other seam bowlers of known quality, such as Bicknell, Small and Newport, have all been either injured or out of sorts this summer. Steve Watkin, of Glamorgan, should be the next in line.

A slow bowler is not always considered essential at Headingley, but against the West Indians, whose instincts are to savage spin, it is an attacking move to play one. By the end of the season it would be nice to report that either Salisbury, the Sussex leg spinner, or Croft, of Glamorgan, was ready for contention, but for the time being Tufnell remains the best option – a maverick, certainly, but a bowler of imagination to challenge the batsman rather than simply bore him.

My party for Leeds would be: Gooch, Atherton, Hick, Lamb, Smith, Ramprakash, Botham (or Lewis), Russell, DeFreitas, Malcolm, Lawrence, Tufnell.

Topley dismantles foundation laid by Smith brothers

By IVO TENNANT

CHELMSFORD (Hampshire won toss): Essex beat Hampshire by 32 runs

NO COUNTY in recent years has had as much success against Essex in one-day cricket as Hampshire. Having won the toss and bowled Essex out for only 223, they should have won this Benson and Hedges quarter-final. That they did not owed much to the strength of purpose that Graham Gooch engenders in his sides.

Most of all, though, Hampshire had themselves to blame. From 142 for two, the Smith brothers going well, they inexplicably collapsed. At the start of the last 20 overs, when they needed 109, they still had eight wickets in hand. Hampshire then lost eight wickets for 49 in 14 overs.

Indeed, no one other than the two Smiths made a decent score. Chris finished with 71, albeit painstakingly since it took him 44 overs. Robin struck 35 with considerably more power. The middle order fell away, Topley taking four wickets and the gold award from Fred Titmus.

Much interest, of course, centred around Gower's performance in the presence of the England captain. This match may have borne little resemblance to one over five days next week against West Indies, but it was perceived as his last chance to gain inclusion. The critics were scored only for percussion.

Reverting to batting first wicket down, Gower came in when Terry was splendidly caught one-handed by Topley in his follow-through. There was time to play himself in, and he made the most of it. He had struck 18 off 36 balls with no discernible difficulty or effort when he went to the last ball before tea.

If the shot was awry – his push towards leg was across the line and he was patently leg-before – so too was the sense of occasion. For the bowler was none other than Gooch, whose joy was unalloyed. Gower has now made 280 runs in 17 innings this season. Contrast that with Chris Smith, who in 17 innings has made a half-century or more ten times. Yet, if anything, Gower must have a better chance of playing Test cricket this summer.

There was not only an inevitability about Smith's runs but also about the length of time they took. For so long, as he was partnered by Gower or his brother, that did not matter, even though ultimately neither made enough.

Topley had Robin Smith caught behind at a stage when the asking rate was starting to mount and Foster bowled Chris Smith in his last over. Only three runs had come from the previous three overs. When Topley took the wickets of James and Aymes in swift succession, the requirement was up to eight an over.

Essex had been put in on an overcast morning, the thinking being that the ball would swing. In fact, this did not happen, possibly because it was extremely cold. Gooch and Stephenson began with 56 in 29 overs. Once the captain was out, though, no one batted with any command.

Salim Malik, awarded his county cap before the start, drove delightfully on occasion before slicing Aqib Javed to backward point in the last over before lunch. By then, Stephenson, who also made 38, had been run out through a misunderstanding with Salim.

The rest of the innings, other than 42 from Shahid, was featureless. Hampshire's bowling was tidy but nothing more. What was noteworthy was Aymes's catch to dismiss Hussain off Bakker, for not many wicketkeepers would have been standing up to an opening bowler. Parks will have a job to regain his place.

BARRY GREENWOOD



In command: Lamb, the Northamptonshire captain, hooks DeFreitas, of Lancashire, to the boundary during his 48 at Old Trafford yesterday. Report, page 36

Worcestershire owe success to Moody and Hick

By RICHARD STREETON

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat Kent by 27 runs

TOM Moody, the Australian, continued his remarkable one-day success for Worcestershire yesterday when he hit a punishing hundred before lunch in this Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final tie. After Hick led a closing assault that brought 43 from the final three overs, Kent were left to make 309 to win and not surprisingly it proved too much for them.

Moody's consistency in one-day cricket this year has never been approached in the English game. Ten innings in this competition and the Sunday league have now brought him 781 runs, average 97.62, with five hundreds and two fifties. Kent, on April 21, were the first to suffer, when he made 160 against them in the opening Sunday fixture.

He and Curtis, on that occasion, launched the Worcestershire innings with 198 in 31 overs. This time they made 138 in 28 overs before Curtis was held low and right-handed by Marsh, as he tried to steer Igglesden to third man. Curtis was once again the perfect foil for Moody. He needed longer to settle, but 22 singles underlined his skill at placing the ball in order to give Moody the strike.

Moody had just reached his century, from 102 balls in the penultimate over before lunch, when two balls later Fleming had him leg-before, as he pushed forward. Moody hit two sixes and ten fours.

D'Oliveira had run himself out, but Neale was quickly into his stride. Neale made 47 in 52 balls before he lifted a catch to deep mid-on. Hick, by his standards, had been unusually subdued as he and Neale added 85 in 14 overs. Suddenly, though, in the 53rd over, he shook off the shackles to move from 49 to 83 in nine balls, with a series of brilliant strokes. First he hit Merrick for three fours and a single and then claimed 21 of the 22 that Igglesden's next over cost. It included two breathtaking sixes over extra cover and straight.

Benson and Fleming provided Kent with the necessary brisk start before Fleming was held in the gully. An adequate tempo was maintained until Illingworth dimissed Chris Cowdrey and Benson in the space of seven balls.

Kent fell further behind as Illingworth continued to bowl skilfully, with Newport also contributing a tight spell at the other end. Ward drove a catch to extra cover cover against Newport and Graham Cowdrey was bowled when Dilley returned.

Taylor, who drove Illingworth for one straight six, battled on gamely and was undefeated at the end with 89 but it was always in a hopeless cause. He received useful support from Marsh but Kent still wanted 136 from the last 15 overs and 96 from ten.

Radford then had Marsh caught at mid-wicket and Ellison was run out. Worcestershire went on to win comfortably though they were unable to dismiss Igglesden during the final six overs.

Evans is on song with spin

MINOR COUNTIES CRICKET
by MICHAEL AUSTIN

OXFORDSHIRE, the western division runners-up last summer, have made a swift declaration of their intent this season with a six-wicket win over Wales. Phil Garner, Oxfordshire's captain, said: "If we had achieved one more win last season, we would have qualified for the championship final."

Garner cites a lack of reserve seam bowlers as Oxfordshire's weakness but the off-spin skills of Rupert Evans, aged 37, remain undiminished, as he proved with five for 23 against Wales at Llanelli.

Northumberland shared with Cumberland and Devon the record of not winning a championship match last year but they began with a seven-wicket victory over Bedfordshire.

Their achievement was greater because the match was at Jesmond, probably the most benign pitch on the circuit. Paul Dutton scored two half-centuries and returned five for 20 for Northumberland, whose acquisition from Durham, Steve Greensword, aged 47, took four wickets in his first appearance.

Buckinghamshire, the third winners, owed their two-wicket success over Dorset to an innings of 95 from Malcolm Roberts, one of the most talented batsmen in the championship. Buckinghamshire, the Holt Cup holders, start their defence with a first-round match against Hertfordshire at Bishop's Stortford on Sunday.

Moxon crowns a golden week

By JACK BAILEY

HEADINGLEY (Warwickshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 122 runs

FOLLOWING his century against Northamptonshire earlier this week, Martyn Moxon, Yorkshire's captain, enhanced a golden week by leading his team to the Benson and Hedges Cup semi-final and winning the gold award, not so much for his batting, which gave Yorkshire a solid start against the pace of Allan Donald, as for his bowling.

Coming on ostensibly to fill in a few overs at the end vacated by the injured Sidebottom, he plucked the heart from Warwickshire's batting with a spell of three wickets for ten runs in 14 balls and went on to take, in all, five wickets for 31 runs – his best performance in competitive county cricket.

Moxon's medium-paced wobblers combined with the slow left-arm of Carrick to gather most of Warwickshire's wickets in a disappointing batting display. Yet once again, much was owed to the stalwart Sidebottom, now creaking a bit at the age of 37, but accurate enough to concede only 11 runs in nine overs and pin down Warwickshire from the start of a task which they must have had high hopes of accomplishing.

But once Moles became the first of three good catches by Blakey and Lloyd became so bogged down that he could manage only 24 runs in as many overs, Warwickshire were never really in the hunt.

Although it was to be their day, omens for Yorkshire on being asked to bat under low cloud, on a newly laid pitch and against one of the best one-day attacks in the country were not propitious.

A good diving catch by Piper soon accounted for Metcalfe, but as Kellett gained in confidence, justifying his promotion in the order, and Moxon held firm, Warwickshire's second-line attack held few terrors. Even the loss of Moxon's off stump to Smith to leg did not prove disastrous, although had Reeve clung on to a fast-moving catch at backward point, when Byas had made nine and Yorkshire were 97 for two from 34 overs, Warwickshire would have been poised for the kill.

As it was, Donald returned to remove Kellett with a vicious breakback, after two hours at the wicket for his 44, but he could not prevent Yorkshire's acceleration. A series of cheeky byes to the bewildered Piper, standing back, then two boundary wides in an over from Donald kept the extras (41 in all) and the total ticking along.

Donald produced one more arrow from his quiver when he bowled Blakey, but by then Byas had laid the foundation of his 58 from 63 balls. Donald retired, hurt in mind and body, and Warwickshire, somewhat cheekily, produced Penney, an unregistered Zimbabwean to move like a gazelle around the outfield. But Robinson's 29 in as many balls enstured an adequate total.

Lara and Hooper warm to the task

By JOHN WOODCOCK

TAUNTON (first day of three; West Indians won toss): Somerset, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind the West Indians

HAVING braved a horridly bleak morning, an excellent crowd were rewarded with a sunlit afternoon and a positive day's cricket. Not unreasonably, the less cold it became the better the West Indians batted. They declared at 342 for seven, leaving Somerset with eight overs to negotiate, which they did without loss.

Somerset fielded fairly well – the Dutchman, Lefebvre, looks outstanding in this respect – and bowled tidily on a fair pitch. They had the West Indians in trouble – but only until they had had the chance to thaw out.

With Richards choosing not to play against the county from whom he parted amid such acrimony, Greenidge laid up in hospital, and Haynes and Richardson both out in the first half-hour, Lara and Hooper welcomed the chance to earn their keep. Haynes mishooked his sixth ball to mid-on, and Cook, at first slip, caught an attempted back-foot force by Richardson. Both these wickets went to Caddick, a tall, whippy bowler from New Zealand.

This is Richardson's third tour of England, where his record still does him no sort of justice. In only three of the 28 first-class innings he has now played here has he passed 50. Yet show him an Australian bowler and he is a terror, having already scored seven Test hundreds against them. He is too good not to start to put this right soon, though there is, it is true, an arrogance to his method.

Simmons played an extraordinary innings yesterday. After clipping the first ball of the match sweetly for four and taking a single off the next, he then made five in an hour-and-threequarters before going down the pitch to Graveney and being bowled. That was 71 for three. But batting came a good deal more easily to Lara, as eventually it did to Hooper. Lara does not so much pick up the bat as flourish it. With such a backlift you would think he might be suspect against genuine pace, but his recent record in the West Indies suggests otherwise. Having made a fluent 93 he took Trump's word that a low return drive had been caught.

It was Hooper who went on to his hundred – in his case his first in this country in 24 first-class innings. It is only because he has such abundant natural ability that he has been persevered with. He played effortlessly now, both in defence and attack, and would do as well as a model for all the boys who were at the ground to follow as anyone. He had batted for 188 balls and hit 19 fours when leg-before, making to pull Hayhurst's medium pace.

☐ Clayton Lambert, the left-handed Guyanese batsman, has been called into West Indies' party to cover for the injured Gordon Greenidge. Lambert has been playing for Blackhall in the North Yorkshire and South Durham League.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson and Hedges Cup Quarter-finals

Worcs v Kent

WORCESTER (*Worcestershire won toss*): *Worcestershire beat Kent by 27 runs*

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis c Curtis b Igglesden	53
T M Moody lbw b Fleming	100
G A Hick not out	84
D B D'Oliveira run out	2
*P A Neale c C S Cowdrey b Igglesden	47
†S J Rhodes b Merrick	8
R K Illingworth not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 5)	13
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	308

P J Newport, S R Lampitt, N V Radford and G R Dilley did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-138, 2-168, 3-178, 4-283, 5-307.

BOWLING: Merrick 11-0-59-1; Igglesden 11-1-85-2; Ellison 11-0-49-0; Davis 11-1-62-0; Fleming 11-0-45-1.

KENT

*M R Benson st Rhodes b Illingworth	56
M V Fleming c Hick b Radford	22
C S Cowdrey b Illingworth	25
N R Taylor not out	66
T R Ward c Neale b Newport	10
G R Cowdrey b Dilley	8
†S A Marsh c Curtis b Radford	24
R M Ellison run out	6
R P Davis c Neale b Lampitt	1
T A Merrick c Neale b Lampitt	0
A P Igglesden not out	25
Extras (lb 5, w 8, nb 1)	14
Total (9 wkts, 55 overs)	281

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-110, 3-113, 4-137, 5-159, 6-215, 7-229, 8-231, 9-231.

BOWLING: Dilley 11-0-72-1; Radford 11-1-57-2; Illingworth 11-1-50-2; Lampitt 11-0-59-2; Newport 11-1-38-1.

Gold award: T M Moody.

Umpires: J D Bond and J H Harris.

Essex v Hampshire

CHELMSFORD (*Hampshire won toss*): *Essex beat Hampshire by 32 runs*

ESSEX:

*G A Gooch lbw b James	29
J P Stephenson run out	38
P J Prichard b Connor	2
Salim Malik c R A Smith b Javed	38
N Hussain c Aymes b Bakker	17
D R Pringle c Aymes b Udal	3
N Shahid st Aymes b Udal	42
†M A Garnham b Udal	11
N A Foster b Javed	5
T D Topley not out	6
P M Such b Connor	4
Extras (lb 6, w 16, nb 3)	28
Total (55 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-66, 2-80, 3-110, 4-132, 5-135, 6-175, 7-204, 8-205, 9-214.

BOWLING: Bakker 11-0-34-1; Aqib Javed 11-1-49-2; Connor 11-1-45-2; James 11-0-46-1; Udal 11-1-41-3.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c and b Topley	10
C L Smith b Foster	71
D I Gower lbw b Gooch	18
R A Smith c Garnham b Topley	35
*M C J Nicholas not out	22
K D James c Gooch b Topley	2
†A N Aymes c Garnham b Topley	2
S D Udal b Pringle	9
C A Connor run out	0
P J Bakker c Stephenson b Pringle	4
Aqib Javed b Gooch	3
Extras (lb 8, w 2, nb 5)	15
Total (53.5 overs)	191

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-72, 3-142, 4-146, 5-153, 6-156, 7-176, 8-176, 9-183.

BOWLING: Foster 11-3-24-1; Pringle 10-2-36-2; Topley 11-3-41-4; Gooch 10.5-1-42-2; Such 11-1-40-0.

Gold award: T D Topley.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and R A White.

Yorks v Warwicks

HEADINGLEY (*Warwickshire won toss*): *Yorkshire beat Warwickshire by 122 runs*

YORKSHIRE

*M D Moxon b Smith	80
A A Metcalfe c Piper b Donald	3
S A Kellett b Donald	44
D Byas c Reeve b Munton	58
†R J Blakey b Donald	15
P E Robinson b Munton	23
P W Jarvis not out	12
P J Hartley not out	1
Extras (b 4, lb 20, w 15, nb 2)	41
Total (6 wkts, 55 overs)	283

P Carrick, A Sidebottom and S D Fletcher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-63, 3-104, 4-157, 5-194, 6-224.

BOWLING: Munton 11-3-37-2; Donald 11-1-46-3; Small 11-1-43-0; Reeve 11-0-35-0; Smith 9-2-41-1; Pearson 2-0-7-0.

WARWICKSHIRE

A J Moles c Blakey b Hartley	10
Asif Din c Blakey b Fletcher	23
*T A Lloyd c Moxon b Carrick	24
† M A Smith c and b Moxon	3
D A Reeve c Blakey b Moxon	0
D P Ostler lbw b Moxon	6
†K J Piper c and b Moxon	11
G C Small lbw b Carrick	2
T A Munton c Hartley b Carrick	10
A A Donald c Carrick b Moxon	0
A R K Pierson not out	3
Extras (lb 6, w 9, nb 2)	17
Total (42 overs)	111

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-24, 2-44, 3-58, 4-58, 5-75, 6-96, 7-96, 8-101, 9-106.

BOWLING: Sidebottom 9-4-11-0; Jarvis 5-0-11-0; Hartley 6-2-19-1; Fletcher 4-1-11-1; Carrick 10-1-22-3; Moxon 8-0-31-6.

Gold award: M D Moxon.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and B J Meyer.

Tetley Challenge

Somerset v West Indians

TAUNTON (*West Indians won toss*): *Somerset, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind West Indians*

WEST INDIANS: First Innings

*D L Haynes c Roebuck b Caddick	1
P V Simmons b Graveney	10
R B Richardson c Cook b Caddick	7
B C Lara c and b Trump	93
C L Hooper lbw b Hayhurst	123
A L Logie c Harden b Trump	46
M D Marshall c Harden b Hayhurst	14
†D Williams not out	14
C E L Ambrose not out	16
Extras (lb 13, nb 3)	16
Total (7 wkts dec)	342

H A G Anthony and I B A Allen did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-21, 3-71, 4-158, 5-255, 6-298, 7-313.

BOWLING: Caddick 20-2-85-2; Lefebvre 12-3-27-0; Hayhurst 10-2-42-2; Madeley 11-3-32-0; Graveney 21-3-68-1; Trump 20-2-69-2; Roebuck 2-1-6-0.

SOMERSET

S J Cook not out	11
P M Roebuck not out	7
Extras (nb 6)	6
Total (no wkt)	24

*C J Tavare, R J Harden, R P Lefebvre, †N D Burns, K H MacLeay, A N Hayhurst, D A Graveney, H R J Trump and A R Caddick to bat.

Umpires: B Hassan and K Palmer.

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BOWLS

Symes has last word

NEW Zealand led England 3-1 in the third match of the series at Worthing yesterday after a brilliant take-out for five shots by Maurice Symes, the New Zealand skip, with the last bowl of the triples had turned a 15-18 deficit into a 20-18 victory over Gary Smith's side (Gordon Allan writes).

Earlier, on a day when the sun made an overdue appearance, Neville Hill, using a different set of bowls with more run on them, scored New Zealand's first singles win of the week, beating Mel Biggs 25-22, while in the fours Symes steered his men to a 19-18 success over David Ward.

Ward and John Rednall had England's sole win, 24-18 over Hill and Michael Kernaghan in the pairs. Five singles remain to be played this morning, with New Zealand having given themselves an excellent chance of keeping alive the four-match series, in which England have a 2-0 lead.

RESULTS (England names first): Singles: M Biggs 22, N Hill 25. Fours: J Rednall, C Simpson, G Smith and D Ward 18, M Kernaghan, P Skoglund jr, K Darling and M Symes 19. Pairs: J Rednall and D Ward 24, M Kernaghan and N Hill 18. Triples: M Biggs, C Simpson and G Smith 18, P Skoglund, K Darling and M Symes 20.

RUGBY UNION

Queensland dash London hopes

LONDON'S hopes of retrieving their tour of Australia by beating Queensland were dashed at Ballymore yesterday when they went down 27-9 to the state side (David Hands writes). Two tries by Ian Williams, one of ten internationals fielded by Queensland, helped towards victory by a goal, three tries and three penalty goals to a goal and a penalty.

It was London's third defeat in four matches and came despite a brave lineout showing by Langhorn. Buckton, with an interception and 80-metre sprint, made a try for Childs and Gregory added a conversion to his first-half penalty, but Kahl, standing in for the injured Lynagh at stand-off half, kicked three penalties and a conversion to go with further Queensland tries by Carozza and Horan.

The game marked Russell's debut for the divisional side. The Harlequins flanker joined the injury-affected touring party at the weekend, forfeiting a place in the Penguins side which reached the final of the Sicilian sevens tournament in Catania before going down 34-6 to Fiji, the uncrowned kings of world sevens.

The Penguins played well on the first day, scoring an aggregate of 106 points in their three pool matches against Spain, Hong Kong and Western Samoa. They had to battle hard to overcome The Netherlands 20-16 and reached the final by beating a Sicilian invitation VII that included three South Africans 22-12.

Harriman, the Harlequins wing, scored eight tries in the tournament although it was Linden, the Scottish centre, who collected their try in the final, which was converted by Millard, of London Scottish.

Royal opening at games site

THE Sheffield Arena, an indoor facility due to be opened by the Queen today, will stage basketball, volleyball and gymnastics during the World Student Games (Norman de Mesquita writes).

It has 8,000 seats on three sides with one end open, for easy access at exhibitions, which with seats will increase the capacity for sports such as ice hockey to 11,000.

It would be an ideal venue, with Blackburn Arena, for pool C of the world ice hockey championships. Talks have begun to have a local team in domestic competition.



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TENNIS

Becker extends his record as supreme escape artist

From ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
PARIS

THIS is becoming a habit. A good habit for Becker, who, like the hero in those epic disaster movies, emerges in the final scene, shirt ripped, hair ragged ,but with reputation enhanced after overcoming impossible odds. Yesterday, the fall guy in the tale of recovery was Tood Woodbridge, an Australian so boyish that you felt he should have been part of the chorus line in the Gang Show, which is otherwise known as Children's Day at the French Open.

Two sets down, his thigh heavily strapped and his mind on the prowl, Becker seemed to have genuinely taken a step too far down the road to ruin. But, through a combination of real courage, a little luck and the Australian's propensity for hitting his own thumb when driving home the final nail, Becker slowly winched himself back into the match, despite being a break down in the third, fourth and fifth sets.

For any player who has a sense of history, such comebacks are ominous. These days, Becker cannot summon the mental energy to succeed unless he has taken a glimpse of defeat. So strange is his psyche, so unpredictable and perverse his moods, it is almost as if he invites adversity in the hope of finding motivation.

At the US Open in 1989, he only won the title after surviving two match points against Derrick Rostagno in the third round; at the Australian Open earlier this year, he took five sets and five hours to beat Omar Camporese. But yesterday was not just a glimpse of ignominy, it was a full frontal gaze, long and lasting almost from first minute to the moment the Australian clipped the top of the net with a backhand to give the number two seed a 5-7, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, victory.

In theory, Woodbridge should not have given Becker any problems. He is a fine natural hitter, but is not renowned as a clay-court player and he had won just one match on clay this year. Even when he took the first set, it seemed just a matter of time before Becker, clean shaven and natty in black shorts, snapped out of his trance and exerted some control. He had three points to take the first set.

But Woodbridge kept working the match round his big forehand, Becker slowed almost to a standstill and his temper simmered. At the start of the third set, the trainer administered some spray and strapping to his right thigh. 1-3 down, but aware that if he could get a toe-hold, nerves and history would work in his favour, he broke back three times immediately and, despite dropping his own serve, took the set. From midway through the third set to the fifth, Becker admitted he had no idea how he managed to stay in the match. But stay in he did, increasingly pulling out big serves when he needed them and, helped by Woodbridge's own frailty on service, turning thoughts of mere survival — he was 2-4 down in the third and fourth sets — into the thundering possibility of victory.

Woodbridge had one final chance for glory, hitting a massive forehand on break point at 4-4 in the final set, only for Becker to hit a winner at full stretch. The following game he broke Woodbridge's serve and his heart.

Becker's record as an escape artist — this was the sixth time he has won from two sets down — is matched only by Michael Chang, who had a tough, but no-less-surprising five-set match against Lars Jonsson, and Jimmy Connors, who defied the onset of time once more by beating Ronald Agenor, also in five sets. Chang has won all but the first of his nine five-set matches, an incredible record of discipline, which made the difference against the Swede.

Two fancied Spanish seeds, Sergi Bruguera and Emilio Sánchez, went out, the former defaulting with a back injury while leading the Italian, Omar Camporese, by two sets to one and the latter losing surprisingly to Jakob Hlasek in four sets.

Their departures opens up the bottom half of the draw nicely for André Agassi, who beat Peter Korda for the loss of just five games. As far as I know, Korda is no relation to the great film producer Alexander, but his namesake would have been mighty proud of Becker.



Measuring an opponent for the kill: Becker is perfectly poised to make a winning return against Woodbridge

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

MEN: Singles: H Skoff (Austria) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-2, 6-7, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt M Ingaramo (Arg), 4-6, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; P Sampras (US) bt T Muster (Austria), 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4, P Haarhuis (Neth) bt R Reneberg (US), 6-3, 6-3, 6-1; D Perez (Uru) bt M Woodforde (Australia), 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3; W Ferreira (SA) bt C-U Steeb (Ger), 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; G Muller (US) bt G Connell (Can), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-0 Second round: C Miniussi (Arg) bt M Filippini (Uru), 1-6, 6-2, 4-4, O Camporese (It) bt S Bruguera (Sp), 1-6, 2-6, 6-4, 1-0 (Bruguera retired); O Delaitre (Fr) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; A Agassi (US) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt J Arias (US), 6-3, 6-2, 5-7, 7-6; M Chang (US) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; P McEnroe (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Ondruska (SA) bt V Pecheherno (Fin), 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; J Hlasek (Switz) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-3, 4-6, 6-2 7-6; W Masur (Aus) bt J Oncins (Bra), 6-1, 7-6, 7-5 T Carbonell (Sp) bt C Caratti (It), 6-1, 7-5, 3-6 6-1; F Clavet (Sp) bt C Pioline (Fr), 6-2, 6-3, 7-6, B Becker (Ger) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 5-7, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; A Mancini (Arg) bt G Prpic (Yug), 1-6, 7-5, 6-4, 1-6, 6-2 Doubles: First round: R Krajicek and M Schapers (Neth) bt K Evernden (NZ) and J Rive (US), 6-4, 7-6 (10-8); L Jensen (US) and L Warder (Aus) bt M Bahrami (Iran) and E Winogradsky (Fr), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4, J Eltingh (Neth) and L Pimek (Belg) bt B Garnett and G Van Emburgh (US), 6-3, 2-6, 8-6, J Bates and N Brown (GB) bt B Pearce (US) and B Talbot (SA), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, S Devries (US) and D Macpherson (Aus) bt P Galbraith and T Witsken (US), 6-3, 6-4; C Beckman and S Melville (US) bt G Raoux and F Santoro (Fr), 7-6, 6-1; U Riglewski and M Stich (Ger) bt J Sanchez (Sp) and S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; N Borwick and S Youl (Aus) bt B Stankovic and R Vogel (Cz), 6-4, 7-6; G Luza (Arg) and C Motta (Bra) bt J-L Aparisi (Sp) and V Solves (Sp), 6-2, 4-6, 6-1; J Fitzgerald (Aus) and A Jarryd (Swe) bt L Meitar (Bra) and D Perez (Uru), 7-5, 6-2, M Oosting (Neth) and D Vacek (Cz) bt S Patridge and K Thorne (US), 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; G Connell and G Michibata (Can) bt S Kruger and P Norval (SA), 6-7, 7-6, 12-10; A Boetsch and T Champon (Fr) bt P Annacone (US) and N Pereira (Ven), 6-2, 7-6; P Haarhuis and M Koevermans (Neth) bt K Kinnear and S Salumaa (US), 6-3, 6-2; K Flach and R Seguso (US) bt P Albano (Arg) and A Mora (Ven), 6-1, 6-4; J Frana (Arg) and L Lavalle (Mex) bt J Carlos Baguena and T Svantesson (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1, R Leach and Jim Pugh (US) bt M Aurelio Gomz and A Olkhovskiy (USSR), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.

WOMEN: Singles: First round:E Zardo (Switz) bt M Paz (Arg), 6-3, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt S Farina (It), 7-5, 6-2; P Fendick (US) bt A Kanellopoulou (Gr), 6-4, 6-2; M De Swardt (SA) bt A Fusai (Fr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-1; E Brioukhovets (USSR) bt A Decheaume (Fr), 1-6, 6-2, 7-5; K Quentrec (Fr) bt G Helgeson (US), 7-6, 7-6, C Cavarzasio (Switz) bt A Keller (US), 6-4, 6-3; S Rehe (US) bt Y Basuki (Indo), 7-5, 6-3. Second round: S Graf (Ger) bt P Langrova (Cz), 6-0, 6-1; T Whitlinger (US), bt K Rinaldi (US), 6-4, 6-0; S Stafford (US) bt F Labat (Arg), 6-3, 7-5; P Thoren (Fin) bt L Savchenko (USSR), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; D Graham (US) bt S Niox-Chateau (Fr), 6-4, 6-0; K Maleeva (Bul) bt A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; N Tauziat (Fr) bt N Guerres (Fr), 6-2, 6-1, M Fernandez (US) bt B Herr (Ger), 6-4, 6-0; B Fulco (Arg) bt C Tessi (Arg), 6-2, 6-2; N Jagerman (Neth) bt N Provis (Fr), 6-4, 5-7, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt N Zvereva (USSR), 4-6, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles: First round: G Coorengel and A Van Buuren (Neth) bt I Driehuis and M Kidowaki (Japan), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; A Blumberga (USSR) and C Schnacker (Ger) bt L Gildemeister (Peru) and T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-3, 0-6, 6-3; A Novelo (Mex) and B Somerville (US) bt C Cunningham (US) and A Temesvari (Hun), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; I Jankovska and E Melicharova (Cz) bt A Devries and S Wessenman (Belg), 6-2, 7-6 (7-2); C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger) and L Meskhi (USSR) bt S Amiach and K Quentrec (Fr), 6-0, 6-3; R McQuillan (Aus) and C Tanner (Fr) bt A Fusai and O Gravereaux (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; L Harvey-Wild and S Stafford (US) bt J Pospisilova (Cz) and A Scott (US), 6-1, 6-3; E Pampoulova (Bul) and E Sviglerova (Cz) bt C Chabelgony (Bra) and S Smith (GB), 6-2, 6-4; E Burgin and P Fendick (US) bt J Faul and M Jaggard (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; T Morton (Aus) and C Wood (GB) bt L Gregory (SA) and P Mager (US), 7-6, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) and A Huber (Ger) bt H Kelesi (Can) and K Rinaldi (US), 6-1, 6-1.

ATHLETICS

Christie dismisses Johnson

LINFORD Christie yesterday predicted that Ben Johnson would never again recapture the world record-breaking form of his drug-taking days.

Christie, who was awarded the silver medal for the 100 metres at the 1988 Olympics following the disqualification, for drugs use, of Johnson, was commenting on the Canadian's performance in Granada at the weekend. It was Johnson's first outing over 100 metres since the infamous race in Seoul, which saw him banned for two years. Johnson, whose drug-aided best for 100 metres was 9.79sec, could only manage a mediocre 10.54sec on Sunday.

"It showed just how much he's got to catch up on after missing two years," Christie, the European and Commonwealth 100 metres champion, said. "For a guy who once ran 9.79, you have to think he'll never get back to that again.

"Everybody has a performance level which they think is humiliating, and if he doesn't improve the way he hopes, he will have to consider whether he can really do himself justice at the world championships in Tokyo."

The 1991 Johnson model is certainly a shadow of the 1988 machine. Recalling how he came home third behind the Canadian in Seoul, Christie said: "The only way I'd have got past him that day was on a Yamaha."

Before the serious, championship business in Tokyo in August, where the Canadian hopes to defend the world title he won in 1987, Johnson is due to renew rivalry with Carl Lewis in Lille in July — but Christie wants no part in this.

"To me, it's all down to getting ready for Tokyo and, anyway, the promoters won't want Johnson and Lewis to meet either me or Leroy Burrell before then."

"Anyway, I'm more interested in running most of my races in front of British crowds this season," Christie, who will next race at the Pearl Assurance UK Championships at the Leckwith stadium, Cardiff, in 10 days' time, said.

FOOTBALL

The Platt factor serves to dim Australian optimism

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, SYDNEY

EDDIE Thomson, Australia's manager, yesterday met the largest gathering of journalists and television commentators he had seen before a game, to discuss the international against England on Saturday. His optimism, though, was not found wanting.

Thomson is hoping that by the weekend, his England counterpart, Graham Taylor, will be receiving the unfavourable attentions of this same body. "Graham Taylor must be having recurring nightmares that people back home will wake up and hear that England have been beaten by Australia," he said.

"We are aiming to make that come true. We think we have a good chance and some of the younger players could, I believe, play for any club around the world."

Thomson's optimism was not entirely shared by the Australian captain, Paul Wade, aged 30, who was born in Altrincham (Thomson was born in Scotland). He is worried by the prospect of David Platt making deep and incisive runs. Wade, a draughtsman by trade, watched the videos of England's games against the Soviet Union, in which Platt scored twice, and Argentina, when he claimed another goal, and respects the qualities of the player he is likely to be asked to contain. "When you see his ability, particularly to make those runs, it is frightening," he said.

Yet Wade, who moved to Australia 19 years ago, agrees with his manager that England can be beaten. "Our biggest problem will be controlling our nerves and our emotions before the game. Once the game starts, we should be all right.

"Our team is as good as any we've had over the last ten years. We used to pride ourselves on having big hearts. Now the youngsters have skill, a certain arrogance and we are starting to believe in ourselves.

"The game will be as tough as any of us has ever faced but I can't believe that England will dominate us for 90 minutes. No one can. If there are lapses of concentration, maybe we can capitalise, but I don't know how. I doubt whether it will be from corners." He was referring to England's uncharacteristic generosity to the South Americans at Wembley last Saturday.

Wade emphasised the importance of the occasion. Australians regard 1974 as a vintage year because they qualified for the World Cup. In 1988 they beat both Argentina and Yugoslavia, but a victory over England would rank as their greatest achievement.

Thomson and his players, considered an unknown quantity by Taylor, are reluctant to offer him any revelations, but Wade said he and his midfield colleagues will play a crucial role. "We noticed that Argentina didn't press and we are capable of doing that. That is England's strength as well. They don't give you a second on the ball."

Thomson, who spent seven years at Heart of Midlothian and five at Aberdeen, dismisses the suggestion that the game will be as undistinguished as eight years ago. "Those three games were terrible, they were shockers," he said. "But we've got three good defenders and the rest are just adequate. We are more suited to attacking."

Taylor, who is to announce his side tomorrow, has a full complement of 23 players from which to choose. Walters was the only doubt but he has recovered from a slight hamstring strain.

Johnston considers return

From STUART JONES

CRAIG Johnston, who is returning to England on business next week, is considering rejoining Liverpool. Having received a contract from his former club through the post, he intends to discuss the possibility with Graeme Souness, the manager, and once a midfield colleague at Anfield.

Although Johnston is aged 30 and has not kicked a ball in a competitive match for three years, he genuinely believes that he could again play an active role. "I've had a complete and absolute rest," he said here yesterday, "and I'm fitter than I've ever been."

Johnston received the contract on Tuesday, the day that Graham Taylor's squad arrived. "It made me think," he said, "and I'm thinking about a lot of things at the moment."

Johnston has built for himself a career in television. As well as promoting the media, he features in game shows.

He revealed that he left Liverpool because of the declining health of his sister, the victim of a serious illness. He recently accompanied her to Malaysia, where she was treated by an acupuncturist. The last resort, as he described it, appears to have been in vain.

Liverpool are obliged to offer Johnston a new contract to prevent him becoming a free agent and joining another club without a transfer fee.

Johnston's enthusiasm for the English game was rekindled when he watched the FA Cup final on television. "It gave me a buzz." His last appearance for Liverpool was in the 1988 final, when they were beaten by Wimbledon.

Although Johnston was not a typical Liverpool player, he learned to adapt his individual style to the team's needs and he was on the fringes of Bobby Robson's England squad. He does not dismiss the notion of attracting the attention of Taylor.

MOTOR SPORT

Canadian race in jeopardy

THE Canadian grand prix could be disrupted, or even called off, on Sunday because two sportscar teams are still locked in argument over an issue involving more than $1 million (about £580,000) compensation.

Swiss-based Brun Motorsport and Courage Competition, of France, have been in dispute with Canadian officials and Fisa, the sport's world governing body, over a crash at the Ile Notre Dame circuit in Montreal last September.

Walter Brun and Yves Courage, the heads of the respective teams, are due in Montreal later this week to see lawyers in the hope of obtaining injunctions to halt the race.

Peter Reinisch, the Brun team manager, said: "We needed the money to replace our cars for this year but have still had nothing."

In the crash, a manhole cover was torn loose and ripped the bottom out of a Brun Porsche, bursting its fuel tanks. Jesus Pareja, the Spanish driver, escaped with slight burns.

Another Brun Porsche and a Courage Cougar Porsche were also involved in the accident, and the race was eventually stopped.

"It is their good fortune that our driver was not killed," Reinisch said. "He lost time from work with burns and we lost points and sponsors' money."

Earlier this month, Brun warned that if the insurers did not pay "we will make all the trouble we can at the Canadian grand prix".

He said: "I will make big problems, whether I have to take their transporters, their motor-homes or whatever.

"If we can't do that, I will go to the starting grid alongside Senna and Mansell, and 300 million people will see my protest."

EQUESTRIANISM

Experienced trio eyes another cup

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE British show jumping team, led by the European champions, John Whitaker and Henderson Milton, will attempt a second successive win in the Dubai Nations Cup on Sunday, the focal point of the four-day international meeting which begins at the All England jumping course at Hickstead today. Seven nations are contesting the cup, which Britain won by a whisker last year after a jump-off with Ireland.

Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, who is building up his team for the European championships in July, is relying on three of last year's winning side for the Nations Cup. Whitaker, who has had a double clear round with Milton for the last three years, is the linchpin. He is joined by his younger brother, Michael, with Henderson Monsanta, and David Broome, with Countryman.

The fourth rider is Joe Turi, who has had a last-minute switch of horses. He is likely to ride Michael Bullman's Waysider on Sunday after lending his former top horse Kruger to Peter Charles for the week.

Robert Smith is now the fifth member of the squad, with Brook Street Silver Dust. He replaces Emma-Jane Brown, who asked to withdraw because of her horse's loss of form.

Hickstead is the sixth Nations Cup meeting of the 21 that make up the HCS Nations Trophy. This year, under a new formula, the winner of the trophy will be decided after a final at Lanaken, Belgium, in September, where the best teams from the league series will compete.

Britain, who were runners-up last year, are head of the league after victory in Rome last month. France and the United States, lying joint second, could overtake them this weekend. The French, who have won at Hickstead three times since 1985, are fielding four of their top riders, including Eric Narvet, the world champion. The Americans, the winners in 1987, are led by George Morris, who rode in the first of his 28 Nations Cups in 1958.

Nick Skelton, although not in the Nations Cup team because he is resting his best horse, Grand Slam, will attempt a second successive win on Linda Jones's 16-year-old double Derby winner Apollo in tomorrow's grand prix, the Emirates Airlines Cup, which carries a first prize of £21,000.

Apollo, who won £65,000 from just nine shows last year, revels in Hickstead's excellent going. If he reproduces last year's form the selectors may choose him as Skelton's ride for the European championships.

Mark Todd, New Zealand's double three-day Olympic champion will swap roles for today's Emirates Airlines Stakes when he attempts to qualify his showjumper, Kleenex Double Take, for the grand prix. On Saturday, Todd joins Ian Stark and other leading riders for the Dubai Eventers Special in the international ring.

☐ *The champion ridden hunter* on the first day of the Royal Bath and West Show yesterday was Mr Dawes's heavyweight, Hobo, shown by Robert Oliver.

There were nine clear rounds in the Henderson grand prix, the show's main jumping class. Michael Whitaker, fourth to jump, set an unreachable target with a clear on Henderson Tees Hannauer in 39.34sec. Mark Todd, riding Kleenex Double Take, was just 0.21sec slower and John Whitaker, on Henderson Milton, was third in 41.23.

HCS NATIONS TROPHY (after five meetings): 1, Britain, 16pts; equal 2, United States and France, 12; 4, Canada, 9; 5, Australia, 6; 6, Poland, 4.

POLO

Fewster settles one issue

By JOHN WATSON

THE quarter-finals of the Dollar Cup tournament were concluded at Cowdray Park, Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday with a 6-5 victory for Knepptunes against Panache. In the second match, Satnam beat Les Lions (received ½) by 7½-7.

Both encounters were characterised by poor marking and backing up. Koulitchenko, the Panache patron, arriving late. Edward Hobden filled his slot for the first chukka, which brought their team aggregate up to 12, the same as Knepptunes. Panache's strong man, James Gilmore, opened the account and was answered by Alex Parrott, the New Zealander, with a 30yd penalty conversion.

By the third chukka, Knepptunes were fighting back hard, with Martin Fewster snapping in the deciding goal in the last minute.

The second match was a good deal faster and more interesting. Satnam's half-goal penalty advantage was quickly overhauled, and the Lions No. 3, Warren Scherer, kept getting away, unmarked. He also scored three penalty shots. In the second half Satnam's American pivot, Thomas Biddle, a six-goaler, caught up with two 40-yarders, and, in the closing seconds, Christopher Courage got back Satnam's winning half-goal lead.

In the Queen's Cup-Prince of Wales Trophy, Labegorce beat Guardacre, 8-7. Ellerston White lead in League 1.

KNEPPTUNES: 1 W Hine (3), 2, M Fewster (4), 3, A Parrott (4), back, P. Richardson (1)
PANACHE: 1, W Koulitchenko (0), 2, J Evans (2), 3, J Gilmore (5), back, J Kidd (4)
SATNAM: 1, A Barlow (0), 2, K Dhillon (2) 3, T Biddle (6) back, C Courage (3)
LES LIONS: 1, M Gottschalk (0), 2, M Amoore (5), 3, W Scherer (5), back, M Fonseca (2)
QUEEN'S CUP-PRINCE OF WALES TROPHY: Sleamore bt C S Brooks, 11-7. Labegorce bt Guardacre, 11-8. Cowdray Park bt Windsor Park, 13-6

RUGBY LEAGUE

Gregory could rejoin Widnes

WIDNES are prepared to offer their vacant coaching position to a former player, Andy Gregory, the Wigan and Great Britain scrum half (Keith Macklin writes). Widnes have approached Wigan about the availability of Gregory and have asked permission to have talks with him.

Gregory, who also played at half back for Warrington before moving to Central Park, has been offered another two-year contract by Wigan, but will be tempted to return to his first senior club as player-coach in succession to Doug Laughton.

SWIMMING

Coach strikes camp

BRITAIN'S national coach, Terry Denison, is to attend the first world training camp in Hawaii from Saturday until June 16 (Craig Lord writes).

The trip will be paid for by the £800 bursary Denison won as Speedo national coach of the year. That accolade was earned at the end of a year in which his team, City of Leeds, including Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic and Commonwealth champion, became top club in the European Community.

Denison is certain to bring back from Honolulu valuable knowledge about the training of the best distance swimmers from the United States, Australia and Canada, the three nations attending the camp.

While praising the dedication to training of Ian Wilson, the Borough of Sunderland swimmer, who was fourth in the 1,500 metres freestyle at the world championships this year, Denison believes that in recent years, British distance swimmers have rarely done the amount of training required to become world class.

Denison said: "It should be very interesting to see what happens when you bring some of the best swimmers in the world together for training. My regret is that Ian can't go this time."

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BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 9, St Louis Cardinals 8, New York Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 8, Philadelphia Phillies 12, Montreal Expos 0; Atlanta Braves 8, Diego Padres 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 8, Houston Astros 2, San Francisco Giants 6, Cincinnati Reds 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston Red Sox 6, New York Yankees 2, Baltimore Orioles 5, Cleveland Indians 2; Milwaukee Brewers 15, Detroit Tigers 2; Minnesota Twins 3, Texas Rangers 0, Kansas City Royals 6, Seattle Mariners 5, Oakland A's 9, Toronto Blue Jays 4, Chicago White Sox 6, California Angels 5

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Western Conference finals: Portland Trail Blazers 95, Los Angeles Lakers 84 (Lakers lead best of seven series, 3-2).

BOWLS

BATH: Open tournament: Singles: Women: Second round: J Shaw bt A Joyner, 21-18, E Playle bt D Bevis, 21-12; M Dyer bt C Tennant, 21-5, C Booker bt J Osborn, 21-11, S McDonagh bt D Challenger, 21-18, J Tugwell bt I Dawson 21-11; C Shearing bt J Moores, 21-13; J Binding bt P Allord, 21-11; D Woodley bt N Morgan, 21-11, M Cummins bt J Hayward, 21-11, P Cooper bt E Torrington, 21-9, J Crocker bt B Jones, 21-20. Third round: S McDonagh bt Tugwell, 21-14, F Tovey bt N Rowden, 21-13; Shearing bt Binding, 21-6, Woodley bt Cummins, 21-16, W Anderson bt M Pimpernell, 21-11, Cooper bt Crolan, 21-14

BOXING

CARDIFF: British flyweight championship: Robbie Regan (Blackwood) bt Joe Kelly (Glasgow), pts Super-feather P Judson (Keighley) bt S Durham (Rhyddlan), pts J T Williams (Pontypool) bt Frankie Ventura (Croydon), pts Welter (8 ends): Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena) ko Terry Morrill (Hull), 1st rnd, (6 mins) Michael Smyth (Rhosco) bt Ricky North (Grimsby), rsc 1st rnd Feather: Steve Robinson (Cardiff) bt Colin Lynch (Coventry), rsc 6th rnd Light-middle (6 mins): Darren Liney (Swansea) bt Julian Eavis (Yeovil), pts Cruiser: Steve Yorath (Cardiff) bt Roger McKenzie (Leicester) pts

CRICKET

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: MCC 249-3 (N Gilbert 110), Guernsey 114

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Hampshire Under-15 207 (Banks 58, Holden 57), Surrey Under-15 165-6 (Bambridge 66 not out) Match drawn; Yorkshire Under-15 163 (McGrath 56), Staffordshire Under-15 164-5 (Finney 55) Staffs won by 5 wkts

EQUESTRIANISM

ROYAL BATH AND WEST SHOW: Henderson Grand Prix: 1, Henderson Unit Trust (Henderson Tees Hannauer, M Whitaker), 2, Kimberley Clark (Kleenex Double Take, M Todd), 3 Henderson Unit Trust (Henderson Milton, J Whitaker). Champion ridden hunter: M Dawes, (Hobo) Reserve: Gemagmel Bloodstock Limited (Optimus) Champion small hunter breeding: A G Lonsdon-Clarke (May Dancer and Cemercion Day Star) Hunter breeding, D Kellow (Top Notch) Reserve: J L Dunlop (Blue Duster) Champion Arab: Mr and Mrs E J Jones (Au'Aubra). Reserve: Mrs H Kadri (Sonora).

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCHES: New Zealand: Romania 28 King Country 6, Soviet Union 23, Marlborough 16, Canada: Alberta 13, Eastern Counties 31 Australia: Queensland 27, London Division 9

GOLF

BOLTON: Old Links Challenge (PGA European Tour) Leading first-round scores (England unless stated): 67: P Kent, S Field. 68: J Seed 69 M Archer, M Thomas 70: W Stephens I Spencer, S Edwards, A Beal, J Lomas, D Rogers, J Cheetham, A Hare, P Affleck 72: T Stevens, R Tunworth, P Trimble (Aus) 73: L Vanner (Scot), A Dunbar, B Nolson (US), S Townend, N Briggs, I Mosey, P Spurgeon, P Bradley, C Gray, D Prosser, C Parris, J Hardman (Nem), D Sterling 74: D Eagle, S Dodd (Wales) A Lavers, S Mair (Scot), N Ratcliffe (Aus), J Mitnews, A Hunter (Scot), B Richardson, G Griffiths, J Carrill, S Little

SANDWICH: The Bar Golfing Society annual tournament:
Second round: D Watson bt R Hetherington, 3 and 2, M Roberts bt A Clarke QC, 1 hole, M Harrington bt A Barnett, 1 hole, C Symonds QC bt D Pontly-Davey QC, 4 and 3, C Kemp bt T Preston QC, 4 and 3, J Carey bt P Reid, 2 holes, J Mould bt M Cousons, 2 and 1, Mr Justice Buckley bt E Faulks, 3 and 2, R Haward bt Judge P Roquintree, 1 hole, Mr Justice Henry bt P Jones, 4 and 3, M Neil bt R Bromilow, 1 hole, N Williamson QC bt R Hartley QC, 1 hole, Judge B Carter QC bt J Cartwright, 2 and 1, J West bt R Bookhouse QC, 4 and 3, N Stewart bt L Reid QC, 4 and 3, R Stead bt Judge S Fawcus, 1up

SPEEDWAY

BSPA CUP, Second round: Poole 46, Swindon 44, Milton Keynes 42, Bradford 48

EVENING RACING

Ripon

Going: good to firm

6.45 (1m) 1, Giant Bleu (A Culhane, 4-1) 2 Quiet Victory (3-1 fav), 3, Walk This Way (10-1), 14 ran. NR Richmond, Royal Girl, F Whitaker. Tote, £4.80, £2.00, £1.70, £3.90 DF: £4.80

IN BRIEF

Cheque is in mail

BRITAIN'S Olympic effort in Barcelona and Albertville next year was assisted yesterday by a six-figure sponsorship deal. The Royal Mail has made a pledged financial support, believed to be more than £100,000.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Larry Kennan, the mastermind of the London Monarchs' success, yesterday was named World League of American Football coach of the year. He was awarded the honour after a vote by his fellow head coaches.

GOLF: Junior golfers at 900 British clubs are again being offered the chance to watch Europe's top players for free at the NM English Open at The Belfry from August 15 to 18. Their trips must be organised through their clubs and they must be accompanied by two full members — who are also let in free.

CYCLING: The 21-stage Giro d'Italia resumes today with a 170km stage along the Amalfi coast south of Naples.

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Australians in buoyant mood as England make plans to reconquer a former colony



Taking a dive: Chris Woods, the England goalkeeper, shows off his skills in training, at Cromer Park on Sydney's North Shore, for the game on Saturday against Australia

Batting covers up bowlers' shortcomings

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by seven wickets

THIS was a cup-tie distinguished mainly by the undistinguished. Neither side bowled at all well, some of the fielding was shoddy in the extreme, and Lancashire, the cup holders, gave the vague impression that they were indifferent to the target being set them as it would present no problems anyway.

In this, they were correct. Northamptonshire, losing their way badly during the last dozen overs of their innings, still mustered a respectable 246 but, on a very good pitch, their bowling had nothing like the control needed to suffocate Lancashire's powerful batting.

Lancashire were through to the last four with 14 balls in hand, but it might have been more. They are a very efficient unit at this length of game, and the decisive partnership of 132 between Atherton and Mendis, the Gold Award winner for his 125 not out, was full of good strokes; they will, however, need a more concerted bowling effort if the trophy is to be retained.

On past, let alone current form, the result was no surprise, for Northamptonshire have now failed to win a one-day game at Old Trafford in 13 attempts. Judging by the modest attendance of 6,500, few thought them capable of disrupting the sequence. They were not aided here by the absence through injuries of Larkins, Baptiste, Williams and Taylor, but Lancashire's strength is such that only the partisan will claim it made the difference.

Allan Lamb did play, on the basis that by yesterday morning his left foot, crushed by a Curtly Ambrose yorker on this same strip last Saturday, was no longer as bruised as his pride, which has evidently taken such a knock over the England vice-captaincy. If this match did have a memorably poignant moment it came when Lamb, on 15, hit a full-toss from Austin straight to deep mid-wicket where Atherton, his successor in the England hierachy, compassionately put it down.

This was oddly symptomatic of Lancashire's listless outcricket. Even Wasim Akram, such a menacing force in this competition last year, bowled shorter, wider and more slowly than usual, while DeFreitas suffered grievously from fielding lapses and allowed his chagrin to show.

It was Allott who divided the openers, although most of the credit is due to Fairbrother for a stunning left-handed catch at short cover as Fordham drove firmly. Felton and Bailey then added 61 by way of nudges and deflections but Felton's innings should not be underestimated. Half-an-hour before play, he was writhing in the nets after being struck an unkind blow in the nether regions.

The partnership ended in a chaotic run-out, Felton sacrificing himself, but so long as Bailey and Lamb were together Northamptonshire could hope for a properly demanding total. Those who have seen this team over the years, however, would not have allowed themselves to do more than hope, for the lure of self-destruction is irresistible with Northamptonshire.

Lamb was out in the 44th over, his violent 48 having come from only 52 balls. It was the beginning of the end; Northamptonshire could add only another 64 as six wickets went down in 12 overs, Akram returning, composed, to take three in consecutive overs.

Lancashire openers had their reflexes examined by a sparky new-ball spell from Thomas, who was even no-balled for exceeding his bouncer ration. Fowler, his benefit fund swelled by a collection of more than £1,600, did not survive it, playing as loosely outside off stump as Fairbrother was to do later in the innings.

Between these dismissals, the second-wicket pair made the attack look ordinary, which much of it was. Atherton was out with the contest all but over and Watkinson ended the match with a flurry of pulls and cover drives.

Lancs v Northants

OLD TRAFFORD (*Lancashire won toss*): *Lancashire beat Northamptonshire by seven wickets*

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

A Fordham c Fairbrother Allott	19
N A Felton run out	44
R J Bailey b Austin	75
*A J Lamb c Fowler b Allott	48
D J Capel c Hughes b Watkinson	19
K M Curran b Akram	0
A L Penberthy b Akram	3
J G Thomas c DeFreitas b Akram	9
†D Ripley not out	8
A Walker not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, w 7, nb 5)	23
Total (8 wkts, 55 overs)	246

N G B Cook did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-101, 3-182, 4-219, 5-219, 6-227, 7-229, 8-234.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 11-0-54-0; Allott 11-0-38-2; Akram 11-0-57-3; Watkinson 11-1-46-1; Austin 11-0-40-1.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis not out	125
G Fowler c Ripley b Thomas	9
M A Atherton c Cook b Walker	56
*N H Fairbrother c Lamb b Thomas	13
M Watkinson not out	32
Extras (lb 4, w 7, nb 1)	12
Total (3 wkts, 52.4 overs)	247

Wasim Akram, P A J DeFreitas, †W K Hegg, *D P Hughes, I D Austin and P J W Allott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-170, 3-192.

BOWLING: Thomas 11-0-54-2; Walker 9-1-38-1; Capel 10.4-1-52-0; Cook 11-0-40-0; Curran 3-0-21-0; Penberthy 8-0-43-0.

Gold award: G Mendis.

Umpires: H D Bird and N T Plews.

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Curle has hopes broken

LESS than 24 hours after arriving in Sydney for England's summer tour of Australasia and Malayasia, Keith Curle, the Wimbledon defender, has been forced to withdraw from the squad after breaking his jaw in training.

Curle, aged 27, was taken to hospital after a clash of heads with David Batty during the squad's second training session at Cromer Park. An x-ray revealed the break and Curle, who has yet to play for the full England side, will see an Australian specialist to decide whether the injury needs wiring, or whether he can return home immediately for further treatment.

Though Graham Taylor's makeshift squad is strongest in the middle of defence, with Des Walker, Mark Wright and Paul Parker available, of the nine uncapped players in the party, Curle looked one of the most likely to be given a chance in the side during the games against Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia.

He suffered the injury as the squad was practising defending on crosses, but no blame has been attached to Batty for the accident.

Taylor, not immediately aware of the extent of the damage to the player, was unavailable for comment.

But the Football Association has informed Curle's club manager, Ray Harford, who is in charge of England Under-21, who are competing in a tournament in Toulon.

Pleat offered chance of return to Luton

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

DAVID Pleat has been offered the vacant manager's job at Luton Town. A formal offer has been made by the club board but it will have to wait for Pleat to return from holiday to see if it is accepted.

The post became vacant following the dismissal of Jim Ryan two days after he guided the club to first division survival with a win over Derby County in the final match of the season.

Pleat began his managerial career at Luton before joining Tottenham Hotspur in 1986. He left White Hart Lane in October the following year and took over as manager at Leicester City two months later.

He was dismissed from Filbert Street in January this year as Leicester struggled to avoid relegation. Gordon Lee, who replaced Pleat, helped Leicester to safety. A 1-0 win over Oxford United in their last match sent West Bromwich Albion into the third division.

David Kohler, the Luton managing director, said: "The board is confident David will agree to rejoin the club on his return from holiday." Pleat still lives in Luton with his family.

Leicester have also released Colin Murphy, a coach, who joined the club when Pleat was manager. Another coach, Bobby Roberts, left by "mutual consent" last week.

Martin George, the club chairman, indicated other moves were likely. "Gordon is anxious to see a new manager appointed," he said. "He and I have already agreed a settlement should he leave under a new set-up."

Brian Little and Arthur Cox, two of the leading candidates to succeed Jozef Venglos as the next manager of Aston Villa, provided contrasting reactions to being linked with the job last night.

Little, the former Villa forward, led Darlington to the fourth division championship last season. "I know the Villa Park set-up as well as anyone and, if I was offered the job, I would take it," he said.

Cox, the manager of Derby, played down reports linking him with vacancy. "I am under contract here and our situation is finely balanced," he said. "The last thing we want is speculation about any member of the staff. Unfortunately, it's open house for that at the moment."

Bryan Robson has delayed a move into management to extend his playing career with Manchester United. The former England captain yesterday signed a new two-year contract, which will keep him at Old Trafford until he is 36.

"We are delighted to have reached agreement with Bryan," Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, said. "It was obvious from our two cup final appearances this season that Bryan is still a super player who has a lot to offer this club over the next two years."

Robson's decision will frustrate Sheffield Wednesday, who wanted him in a coaching capacity, and a host of other clubs keeping a close eye on developments. He had also been linked with the vacant No. 2 job at Old Trafford but the favourite to replace Archie Knox as Alex Ferguson's deputy is Brian Kidd.

Birmingham City's victorious Leyland Daf Cup side looks certain to be broken up over a wholesale contract dispute at the club.

Five of the team which beat Tranmere 3-2 at Wembley on Sunday — Vince Overson, Martin Thomas, Trevor Matthewson, Mark Yates and Dean Peer — all rejected new deals yesterday. Four more players are likely to follow suit.

"No one is being greedy," Overson, the captain, said. "But after winning the cup at Wembley last weekend, we thought the chairman would have wanted to take things on from there. I just hope the club is not going to fall flat on its face again."

Lou Macari, the Birmingham manager, is leaving negotiations to Samesh Kumar, the club chairman, after being told he must cut his first-team squad to 15.

Derek Pavis, the Notts County chairman, has pledged to "fight like hell" to hold on to manager Neil Warnock.

County are ready to offer Warnock a lucrative new contract next week amid rumours he is set to move to Chelsea, of the first division.

Pavis wants to talk to Warnock after County's second division play-off final against Brighton at Wembley on Sunday.

"We'll fight like hell to keep him," Pavis said. "It will be my main priority to sit down and talk to Neil once the Brighton game is out of the way.

"It will be his third pay rise in less than three years but he fully deserves it for what he has done in turning this club round."

Glen Livingstone, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been called into the England Under-21 squad playing in an international tournament in Toulon.

He replaces Andrew Marriott, of Nottingham Forest, who was injured in training.

Aldridge heads for home

SAN SEBASTIÁN (AFP) — John Aldridge, the Real Sociedad player who is the joint leading goalscorer in Spain, is returning to English football for family reasons.

The Republic of Ireland forward said his happiness of his family was more important than football, according to Spanish press reports yesterday.

"I'm leaving for England because my family have had major problems adapting to life here, particularly the language . . . it's a pity to see my children sad at home, friendless and with no company but the television," Aldridge said.

The former Liverpool player, has scored 17 times this season with two matches to left to play. Only Emilio Butragueño, of Real Madrid, has scored as many.

Despite his success on the pitch, the new manager of the club, John Toshack, was sympathetic to Aldridge's problems.

Toshack, who was sacked as coach of Real Madrid coach earlier this season, said: "I've had some long talks with John, I've known him for years and I immediately realised he doesn't want to stay on here."

Toshack added that the club had received any firm offers for Aldridge, but was looking for a solution which would suit both parties.

Aldridge, whose contract is scheduled to end in June 1992, is estimated to be worth £500,000, about half of his transfer fee 20 months ago.

The Spanish press claims that Leeds United and Everton of the English first division are interested in Aldridge.

Wilkinson buys again

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, continued his summer spending spree yesterday by paying £275,000 for David Wetherall and Jon Newsome from his former club, Sheffield Wednesday.

Wetherall and Newsome, both defenders aged 20, had been with Wednesday since Wilkinson signed them from school. "They are outstanding young players whose progress I have followed closely," he said.

Wilkinson has also bought Tony Dorigo from Chelsea and the Wallace twins, Raymond and Rodney, from Southampton since the end of the regular league season.

Walsham sprint takes the day

By PETER BRYAN

COLLSTROP, the Belgian professional team, which includes Jan Bogaert, winner of five stages last year, and Harry Lodge, of Britain, was on the verge of pulling out of cycling's Milk Race yesterday.

While other riders rode along the Skegness promenade to keep warm in the minutes before the start, the Collstrop team remained in its car. They were protesting against Peter Naessens being relegated to second place in Tuesday's £1,000 sprint at Gainsborough.

Paul de Baeremaker, the Collstrop manager, said: "We are professionals. We come to win money. Those riders who are uncomfortable sprinting should keep out of the way." He eventually agreed to get his team on the line after assurances that, if he lodged a written protest, it would be considered after the stage.

As though to emphasise the squad's displeasure, Bogaert formed up in ten-man break almost from the start. However, the group was misdirected at a road junction when leading by 35 seconds. Officials stopped the race, and after shepherded riders and vehicles into convoy again, sending off the ten leaders while the big group was held back for half a minute.

The group built a lead of 1min 35sec before succumbing — after 40 miles — to non-stop attacks by the main field.

Six miles later, three riders took flight on the road to Wisbech — the instigator, John Hughes, the Great Britain team amateur, Mark Walsham, a Great Britain professional, and John Loehner, of the United States. It took them three miles of hard riding to gain one minute but after that they pulled away with the bunch seemingly prepared to give them freedom across the windy Fens.

Few expected the trio to succeed, even though on overall time they were no danger to Chris Walker, the race leader, or any of the other 29 highest-placed riders. However, after an hour, the advantage had increased to nine minutes and in the next hour, was raised to 14min 30sec. After that, though, the lead was not allowed to increase further.

The serious counter-attack came too late, however, and Walsham put in a surprise jump with two miles to go and drew clear. He was later pulled back, but on the final run-in, after dropping two lengths behind, he switched to top gear and surged through to take the £1,000 winner's prize.

RESULT: Third stage: Skegness to Norwich (115.6 miles): 1, M Walsham (GB Professionals), 4hr 35min 19sec; 2, J Loehner (US); 3, J Hughes (GB Amateurs), both same time; 4, D Rixon (NZ); 5, D Beelen (SEFB-Saxon, Bel); 6, Z Pilatek (Pol); 7, C Walker (Banana-Falcon); 8, R Rasenberg (TVM, Neth); 9, J Lienhart (Varia-Elk, Austria); 10, J Clay (Banana-Falcon), all at 5min 30sec.

Overall: 1, Walker 13:25:06; 2, S Hampsell (Eng Amateurs), at 18sec; 3, A Timms (GB Pro), at 36sec; 4, K Reynolds (Banana-Falcon), at 47sec; 5, H Lodge (Collstrop), at 47sec; 6, R Holden (Banana-Falcon) at 52sec.

Teams: 1, Banana-Falcon, 40:07:28; 2, England Amateur, 40:09:27; 3, Collstrop, 40:11:12.

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A sure shot lowers his sights

By OUR RIFLE SHOOTING CORRESPONDENT

THE retirement yesterday of Malcolm Cooper, who twice won an Olympic gold medal, ends an era in British and international shooting. Cooper, aged 44, an engineer who turned his technical skills to designing rifles, was among the best in Britain for 21 of the 23 years of his shooting career and a force on the world scene for the last 13 years.

A quiet, modest man, he has been popular on the world's rifle ranges since he took up the sport while his father, a Royal Navy officer, was stationed in New Zealand. In 1970, he won his first British championship, and seven years later, his first European title.

In 1984, he won the Olympic gold for the three-position 50 metres event in Los Angeles, a feat he repeated in Seoul four years later. In all competitions, he won 149 medals, 87 of them gold, and set or equalled 15 world records. He would have been among the favourites at the Olympic Games in Barcelona next year. He was awarded an MBE for services to shooting in 1984.

Cooper is inclined to think that he should have followed the lead of his wife, Sarah, a British shooting champion herself, and retired after the Seoul Games. He said yesterday: "After 23 years of training I am looking forward to living without stress and pressure."

The Coopers travelled the world together to shoot but were only able to fit in holidays at seven-year intervals. Of his wife, Cooper said: "I could not have done it all without her. Now I hope to pay back her loyalty." The two have always trained and worked together in Accuracy International, the gunsmith's business in Portsmouth, where Malcolm heads the design team.

Combining the training and competition calendar with a demanding business schedule would have proved difficult for any shooter, let alone one whose style demanded so much.



Cooper: will be missed

Cooper took no half measures. Two hours a day were spent training and once competition started, nothing intruded on his concentration. It was even said that he was able to slow down his heartbeat for the moment of firing.

Cooper's retirement will undoubtedly reduce Britain's hopes of international medals and will no doubt bring a few sighs of relief among prospective rivals, but there will be some who will also be thankful. After all, as Cooper's era comes to an end, another must begin.

COOPER'S CAREER

AMONG the highlights of Malcolm Cooper's international career are:

1977: European championships, Romania: world and European record 300 metres standing.
1978: World championships, Korea: world and European record 300 metres standing.
1982: Commonwealth Games, Brisbane: two gold, three silver, one bronze medal.
1982: World championships, Caracas: equalled world record for 300 metres prone.
1984: Olympic Games, Los Angeles: three positions rifle gold medal.
1985: European championships, Zurich: three world and European records for 300 metres, individual gold in all five events.
1986: Commonwealth Games, Edinburgh: individual and team gold medals in three positions — rifle, individual and team bronze air rifle.
1986: World championships, Skovde: world and European records for 300 metres prone, 3 x 20 and 3 x 40.
1987: European championships, Lahti: three gold and three silver medals at 300 metres.
1988: Olympic Games, Seoul: 3 x 40 gold medal.
1989: European championships, Lahti: three gold medals in 300 metres with world and European record 3 x 20.
1990: Commonwealth Games, Auckland: individual and team silver 3 x 40.
1990: World championships, Moscow: three gold medals in 300 metres and world and European record 300 metres 3 x 20.

☐ Cooper is the only person to have won both three-position events in the European 300 metres championships three times (1985, 1987 and 1989).

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Attempt to placate Tory sceptics

Lamont reopens wounds over Euro currency

By George Brock and Philip Webster

BRITAIN remains sceptical about a single European currency, Norman Lamont said yesterday in a speech that shattered the recent peace on the subject within the community.

The Chancellor implied that a single currency might be an unrealisable dream and emphasised that, in any event, it was "a long way down the road". The final move would, he said, be "a leap in the dark with high risks".

Mr Lamont's speech, to a London conference assembling luminaries of the European monetary debate, was his first statement on the subject since a hundred Conservative backbenchers signed a Commons motion warning the government about sovereignty. His carefully-constructed address was clearly designed to soothe those Euro-sceptics who fear that the government is selling out.

Without referring directly to Jacques Delors's offer of a clause in the monetary union treaty that would allow Britain to sign up later, Mr Lamont said he was grateful for recent constructive suggestions. But he emphasised the problems in developing a single currency, which he said dwarfed the issue of British doubts.

He pointed to the divergent economic performance of community members, whose inflation rates ranged form 2.5 to 21 per cent. Europe was not a federal state like America, so would not develop the same degree of labour mobility. There was no prospect of a common tax system or of fiscal transfers on a large scale, and the questions of budget deficits and external exchange rates had still to be settled.

Britain believed that the advantages of monetary integration could be achieved by the single market programme and membership of the exchange-rate mechanism. "We certainly do not want to give that up for anything worse," Mr Lamont said.

M Delors, the European Commission president, suggested earlier this month that Britain could sign a treaty allowing for the eventual introduction of a single currency, with a proviso that the British parliament could make its own decision on whether to join at a later stage.

Although this option has not been ruled out, the Chancellor yesterday rejected the idea of a two-speed Europe, which many believed implicit in M Delors's compromise. He said that it could be avoided by the development of a hard ecu as a common, not single, currency, which would allow member states to move forward at their own pace within a common framework. Mr Lamont's remarks made clear that the government did not intend to abandon its hard ecu policy, and he said a consensus was emerging in Europe in support of the idea.

The state of the intergovernmental talks suggested that a flexible treaty might appear at the end of the year.

"I believe that there is a basis for an agreement which meets both British concern and the aspirations of our community partners and keeps all member states moving together."

Treasury officials, who described the Chancellor's speech as a "high wire act", said the treaty would lay down the framework by which later moves towards European union could be achieved. Mr Lamont told the conference: "The point is that the current discussions are not about whether the UK — or any other country — should be excluded, explicitly or implicitly, from any future single currency area. We are not deciding now whether at some time in the future the UK will, or will not, adopt a single currency."

The government's moves to steady Conservative nerves on Europe will be maintained by Douglas Hurd tonight when he gives a speech saying that the community will move forward at a pace at which everyone can agree. The foreign secretary will insist that the Conservatives will remain united and predict that anyone expecting a blazing community row at next December's summit on the treaty will be disappointed.

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Hug of relief: Barbara Kahan, the joint leader of the enquiry, being hugged yesterday by Andrew Mills, who was treated under the pindown system

Official Solicitor may aid pindown victims

By Jill Sherman and Frances Gibb

THE Official Solicitor, David Venables, is considering bringing claims for compensation on behalf of some of the 132 Staffordshire children claiming to be pindown victims. The move would be the first time that he has acted on behalf of a group of children involved in an abuse scandal.

At the same time lawyers for the alleged victims have called on the council to pay out-of-court compensation for what they consider amounts to "false imprisonment". That could run into thousands of pounds for each child depending on the degree of punishment and suffering in each case. Between 20 and 40 actions are expected against Staffordshire county council.

The legal moves came as Tony Latham, senior social worker at Staffordshire who originated the pindown treatment, admitted that it was "not acceptable" as a method of dealing with troubled children in care. His statement came after yesterday's publication of a "damning report into the humiliating and degrading treatment of children in four Staffordshire homes over a period of six years.

Virginia Bottomley, the health minister, condemned the use of pindown and said that the Children Act which comes into force in October would address many of the issues raised by the report.

The national review, announced on Tuesday, to look at care and control in homes, is also likely to draw up guidelines for the proportion of trained social workers who should be employed in children's homes. Only one in five workers in homes are qualified, compared with 90 per cent of field social workers. In addition, the government is considering asking local authorities to set up arm's-length inspectorates to monitor conditions in children's homes and inspect them annually.

At a press conference yesterday, Mr Allan Levy, the report's author said that pindown "should never again be practised" and described the victims as the forgotten children. Mr Levy condemned the people responsible for pindown, but said he could not totally condemn social workers and social services in the county.

Mr Levy and the child care expert, Barbara Kahan, who jointly carried out the enquiry said that the psychological effects could be serious and enduring.

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Ethiopia blunder worry for Bush

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

CONCERN in Washington yesterday that the Bush administration had blundered in supporting the entry of Ethiopian rebel forces into Addis Ababa was reinforced by the news that soldiers of the Ethiopian Peoples Revolutionary Democratic Front had fired on anti-American demonstrators in Addis Ababa for the second day running.

The United States fears the rebels could renege on their promise to introduce democracy and seek ruthlessly to consolidate their hold on power. *The Washington Post* reported yesterday that critics were asking: "Suppose the rebels don't keep order as they promised, but start killing and looting or standing by while their sympathisers do that? If that happens, we would be liable to the charge that the head of US policy in Africa invited them in and gave his blessing to any atrocities that might occur."

Herman Cohen, the Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, implicitly acknowledged the administration's fears on Wednesday when he told Voice of America: "We will certainly criticise them very heavily and we will make sure that there's no (economic) assistance to any government that emerges that is not democratic and tries to repeat the experiences of the Mengistu regime." Mr Cohen believes, however, that America had little choice but to endorse Ethiopia's temporary takeover by the EPRDF, the leading rebel group.

But Terrence Lyons, an African expert at the Brookings Institution, said there was a "real danger" the EPRDF would renege on its pledges, although he emphasised it had shown no sign of doing so yet. "We are at a crossroads and it could go in any number of directions, some of which are not at all good for the US and Ethiopia," he said.

American policy has been made on the hoof in response to rapidly changing circumstances over the past few days. It was not what was anticipated when the London talks were first agreed during a meeting between the former

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Flying in the face of top pay trends

Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, is taking a 20% cut in salary, reports Harvey Elliott

Lord King, the chairman of British Airways, who has on occasions been a thorn in the side of the government over deregulation, was able to delight ministers yesterday. At the height of a raging argument over excessive pay rises, which has so far embroiled no less a person than Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, over a 17 per cent pay rise, Lord King's corporate advisers went public with the news that he was taking a 20 per cent pay cut this year to £400,000.

He will lead a round of pay cuts at BA, which suffered a fall from £345 million to £130 million in the year to the end of March and which will struggle to make any profit at all this year, involving 3,735 managers earning more than £30,000 a year. The cessation of performance-related bonuses will cut their take-home pay by at least 20 per cent.

The BA pay cuts were determined several weeks ago, by an internal committee which applied a formula allowing for individual performance and the company's overall performance.

The pay of non-executive staff was increased by 11.2 per cent in January as part of a two-year deal and they will not be affected.

The cut in Lord King's salary follows a voluntary 10 per cent cut to £150,000 by Lord Tombs, chairman of Rolls-Royce, made on Tuesday during an annual meeting at which he was facing criticism over an apparent 54 per cent rise. The BA move also comes during a week in which shareholders have attacked several top company chairman for what they see as excessive rises. On

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ALAN COREN



'Ah, vanity! Not to say vanity publishing. The phone rang. The accountant up the road. It rang again. The dentist down the road. Look, they murmured, can I ask your advice, this really terrific-looking girl wants to write my . . .

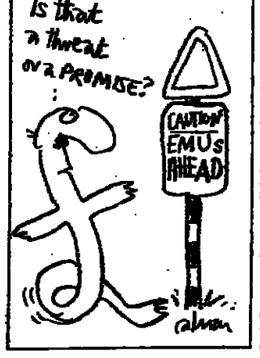
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PHILIP HOWARD



'True invective should have twists and chicanes. Margot Asquith was a star at it: "If Kitchener is not a great man, he is, at least, a great poster." '

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Major will ask G7 to curb arms sales

By Robin Oakley, political editor

BRITAIN plans to use the London summit of the leading industrialised nations in July to win support for a concerted drive to restrict arms sales to third world countries and potential world trouble spots.

The prime minister will seek backing from the Group of Seven leaders for a United Nations arms sales register while Norman Lamont, the chancellor, will seek agreement from finance ministers of the other six nations involved (the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, France and Italy) to restrict export credits for arms sales.

Mr Major is expected to flesh out plans for an arms register which he first mooted at a European Community summit in Luxembourg early in April. His idea was then greeted with enthusiasm by other European leaders but overshadowed by his plan for safe havens for the Kurds. His idea is that the keeping of a register by the UN would act as an early warning system, enabling the international community to monitor and control any excessive build-up of arms by a particular country. British diplomats have since been pursuing the idea with other permanent members of the UN Security Council and with the United Nations secretariat.

The prime minister wants the arms register to require countries selling arms to specify what they have sold, to whom and in what quantity. Mr Major is anxious to see the register working within the year. The plan is seen as complementary to President Bush's latest arms control initiative in the Middle East.

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France determined not to join new Nato force

From Philip Jacobson in Paris

PRESIDENT Mitterrand yesterday bluntly announced France's intention to cold-shoulder Nato's new rapid reaction force. There will no participation of French units because France remains unwilling to become part of the integrated military command of the alliance, he said.

At a press conference in Lille after the Franco-German summit, M Mitterrand said he had "reservations" about the political strategy that lay behind the creation of the multinational corps. With Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, beside him, the president restated the doctrine with which French governments have, for 25 years, kept Nato at arm's length in the cause of independence: "We are in the Atlantic alliance but we are not in the integrated command."

M Mitterrand also took the opportunity yesterday to announce that details of a new French initiative for "global disarmament" will be made public today. There was speculation that the initiative might include a French commitment to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The French foreign minister, Roland Dumas, hoped the French plan might be discussed during the meeting of the world's five largest arms exporters in Paris in late June.



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Don't give in to the drunks in your garden

By Alan Hamilton

THIS is no time to lead our garden plants into evil ways and bad habits. With dire drought warnings being sounded yet again, we are being counselled to cease the overindulgence which turns healthy specimens into feeble, pitifully dependent drunks. We give them, in short, far more to drink than is good for them.

Thames Water, which supplies 600 million gallons a day to the South-East, staged a demonstration at Kew Gardens yesterday in the hope of convincing gardeners that they make much too free with the watering can. The warning is timely; this month London has had only 16 per cent of its normal May rainfall, and over the past 2½ years, the capital's previous average annual rainfall of 29.4 inches has fallen by 35 per cent.

Two dry summers have depleted the groundwater to its lowest level in living memory, and the Thames is flowing at barely two-thirds of normal volume. According to Peter McIntosh, director of water resources at Thames, London needs at least three-quarters of its normal rainfall this summer. Reservoirs are currently full but they are strictly an emergency back-up with three months' supply. During last summer's emergency, half their entire contents were used.

Thames is targeting gardeners, whom it regards as the true villains of water wastage. At weekends, consumption surges by as much as 70 per cent. Average consumption is 30 gallons per head per day but a sprinkler throws out 200 gallons an hour, often to little effect. Another hosepipe ban this summer appears inevitable.

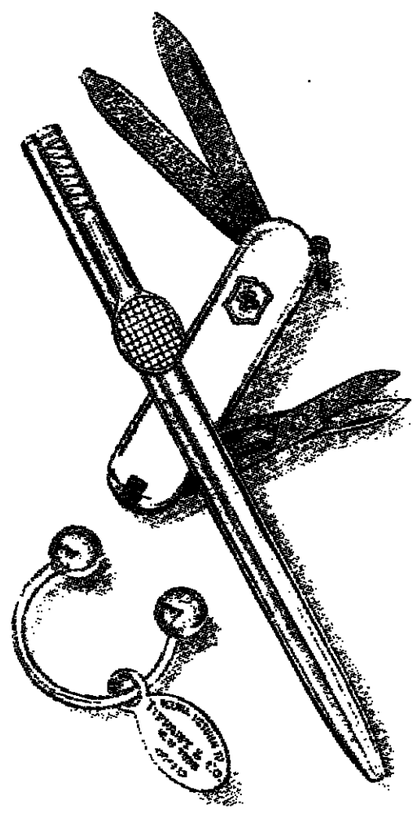
Profligate use of the watering can is, by comparison, a drop in the ocean. Thames is leaving no tap unturned in its search for savings. Hence the presence yesterday of Tony Kirkham, supervisor of the Kew arboretum, with a barrowload of water-saving tips and the disclosure that Kew hardly ever waters its plants.

"Most people water for the sake of watering. If the plant looks healthy, don't water it. Watering is habit-forming; the plant becomes addicted, and grows its roots upwards into the top inch or two of soil, which is all that the watering can wets. Much better that the roots go down in search of the water that they will almost always find at a lower level," Mr Kirkham said.

Other recommendations include the use of mulch to prevent evaporation and the growth of weeds, and mixing a little agricultural polymer, a water-retaining medium, in the soil around the roots. There should then be no necessity to water every day. Most important of all, raising the lawn mower blades by one notch will help to prevent grass becoming scorched.

Even the most careful gardener will, however, consume a large amount of water if after his labours he has a bath. Another 18 gallons straight down the plughole, when he could be putting it on his plants.

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Despite all the hullabaloo, jury is still out on privatisation



Carsberg: his strength needed to be applied

TWO key events yesterday characterised and summed up the government's privatisation programme so far.

In the plush confines of Lancaster House in St James's, the full panoply of showbiz hullabaloo, including huge flapping models of 13-amp plugs and a vast digital watch reading out the share price, the two Scottish power companies came to market. in the bizarre labyrinth of the QE2 conference centre in Westminster, British Gas – privatised five years ago – announced a 30 per cent increase in its profits after British Telecom's £3 billion-plus profit last week.

The Scottish companies' share price of 240p and the British Gas profits prompted immediate attacks on the government by the Opposition. But the privatisation of Scottish Power and Scottish Hydroelectric may mark a staging point in the government's privatisation programme. Though the government may yet offer for sale the remaining tranche of shares in British Telecom in November, the sale of the Scottish companies may well be the last real privatisation before the general election.

"Privatisation has become an apolitical thing", Richard Gledhill, head of privatisation services at the accountants Price Waterhouse, says. "It is an economic policy." Despite that claim, the jury remains out on privatisation. On a whole range of performance indicators, including service to customers, price, profits and employment, the 49 main privatisations under the Conservatives give conflicting signals.

Customers of the privatised companies tend to get particularly

The Scottish power companies came to market yesterday: perhaps the last real privatisation before the general election. Philip Bassett reports

thrown and particularly angry by large profits, such as those of BT and British Gas. But proponents of privatisation, like Richard Gledhill, who has helped in privatisations in Britain and in Eastern Europe, believe that healthy profits are a sign of the success of a privatisation, not of its failure: without them, the argument goes, the companies can not service the needs of their customers.

Certainly servicing customer need has been a key feature of the privatised utilities such as BT. Few except some old Labour diehards now have much to say for the way in which the utilities operated when nationalised: too many people, many of them Labour voters, have too many memories of too much inefficiency in the gas board, or in getting a telephone put in. Even Labour has now stopped defending the indefensible.

Take BT. In 1984, when it was privatised, there were 20 million lines in service. About 137 countries could be dialled direct. And there were 77,000 public payphones, many of them not working at any one time. Last year, there were 25 million lines in service, 197 countries could be dialled direct and there were more than 90,600 payphones – most of them working.

Arguably the real impact has not so much been BT, but that of its regulator, Sir Bryan Carsberg, of Oftel. One view of all the government's privatisations is that they were done too quickly, with the strength of the regulators in the case of the utilities – BT, gas, water and electricity – needing to be fully applied before the customer service and performance of the utilities could be increased.

Many of the privatisations, too, have shown a degree of inflexibility. In electricity, the power companies are all now dedicated to selling as much electricity as possible. Yet in the United States comparable companies are spending large sums of money persuading consumers to use less electricity: better for the environment, and cheaper than building new power stations.

In Britain, the power companies are all corporately structured, geared to profits; in America they are mostly non-profit-making trusts, which the government here is favouring for the National Health Service but not for the utilities.

Given the complexities of performance and politics, judgment on the government's privatisations may never be reached. But one indicator is John Major's customers' charter, the service pledges for the public sector that the government will introduce in the summer.

The service standards the government will be seeking for organisations such as British Rail, which with British Coal will be the main privatisation candidate if the Conservatives are re-elected, will be modelled on the standards the privatised utilities have been able (or have been forced) to achieve.

Brooke for Dublin talks after Carrington snubbed

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

PETER Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, travels to Dublin today for crucial talks with the Irish foreign minister after the rejection by Unionists of Lord Carrington as a candidate for the chairmanship of political talks between the parties in Northern Ireland and the Irish government.

The decision by the two Unionist leaders, Ian Paisley and Jim Molyneaux, to dismiss the former foreign secretary and secretary-general of Nato and then to attack publicly what they claimed was his "deplorable record" on Northern Ireland, was being viewed in Dublin as a "very serious development".

Government officials said the hastily arranged meeting between Mr Brooke and Gerry Collins reflected increasing concern about the future of the Brooke initiative. The sources said both governments would have to reflect further on the situation.

It emerged yesterday that Mr Brooke had approached Lord Carrington during a visit to London on Wednesday. Lord Carrington said yesterday he was prepared to accept the invitation provided his candidature was agreeable to all parties to the discussions. He said one party had not agreed to his name going forward, which was entirely their prerogative.

Last night Mr Paisley and Mr Molyneaux explained why Lord Carrington, who had been endorsed by both Dublin and the SDLP, was unacceptable. They indicated that in their view the fact he was even considered suggested ineptitude on the part of Mr Brooke and his team.

Lord Carrington had played a key role in negotiating the IRA cease-fire in the early 1970s, Mr Paisley claimed, and later had been an influential figure in the process leading up to the signing of the Anglo-Irish agreement in 1985.

Mr Paisley's deputy, Peter Robinson, said Lord Carrington's pedigree was well known. The record showed he was a nationalist sympathiser and that he had made derogatory remarks about Unionist leaders in the past.

Mr Brooke must now find another candidate and must be wondering whether, finally, his efforts are to come to grief over this unforeseen obstacle.

The SDLP and the Irish government, fearing Unionists will attempt to delay the second stage of the initiative unless a chairman is agreed in advance, are insisting the issue is solved before talking of any kind can begin.

● A convicted Protestant terrorist has fled from Northern Ireland to Canada with his family and claimed his former associates will kill him if he is forced to return home. Robert Ledgerwood, aged 34, of Belfast, a member of the banned Ulster Volunteer Force, was sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment in 1978 for causing an explosion, Canadian authorities say. They have remanded him for a hearing into his application to stay as a refugee.

CHRIS HARRIS



Norman Lamont, the chancellor, during the speech yesterday in which he described the final move to a European currency as a high-risk leap in the dark. Details, page 1

Kinnock facing conundrum over TUC invitation

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Trades Union Congress in Glasgow in the first week in September is proving to be a tactical conundrum for Neil Kinnock and his advisers. The Labour leader has not yet decided whether he should take up his standing invitation to address the delegates.

Mr Kinnock does not always go "full frontal" at the TUC. In some years, he has merely attended the comparatively private conference dinner. This year, he has to decide whether he should share a platform with union leaders just before what could be an October election in which the Tories will seek to present Labour as being unduly influenced by the unions.

Labour is commonly held to have suffered at the 1987 election from party splits, from the so-called "loony left" in local government, from weak defence policies and controversial taxation policies and from the public perception that it remained under the thumb of the unions.

It is a measure of Mr Kinnock's success in marginalising the hard left and revising party policy that the Tories no longer plan to portray Labour as reds under the bed. He has tried also to put some distance between the party and the unions, but he and his team know that the Conservatives are still planning to insist that the unions will call the shots under a Labour government.

It is a harder charge for Labour to rebut. Tony Blair, the employment spokesman, has concentrated on the new face of the trade union movement, putting the emphasis on skills training for the Nineties and on partnership with business rather than the confrontational Luddism of the Sixties and Seventies. Mr Kinnock, in his address to last year's TUC, warned delegates that it would be "fairness not favours" under a Labour government. However, the "under the union thumb" image sticks.

About 140 Labour MPs are union-sponsored, receiving help with election expenses and agents' salaries. Three-quarters of Labour's funding still comes from the unions, which elect directly 12 members of the party's national executive and dominate selection of another six.

Even after the latest reforms to the party constitution, unions will still control 70 per cent of votes at Labour conferences. Mr Kinnock cannot risk taking his party to one person one vote until sure that Labour's silent majority will run the show rather than militant activists. Until then, he must rely on the union block vote to preserve his social democratic revolution.

Dean fails to get union job

Brenda Dean has been defeated in an election for the leadership of a new merged printing industry union. Miss Dean, general secretary of the Sogat '82 general print union, narrowly lost to Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the NGA craft print union, when the result of the election was declared yesterday.

He will take over as general secretary of the Graphical, Paper and Media Union, formed from the two existing print unions, when it comes into existence on September 30. Miss Dean will automatically become deputy general secretary. Mr Dubbins and Miss Dean were the principal union leaders involved in the dispute that resulted from the move of News International to Wapping.

Murder charge

John Tanner, a student at Nottingham university, was remanded in custody for four weeks by Oxford magistrates yesterday. Mr Tanner, aged 22, was charged with murdering his girlfriend Rachel McLean, aged 19, an English student at St Hilda's College, Oxford, between April 13 and May 3. Paddy Roche, for Mr Tanner, agreed to further remands in Mr Tanner's absence until June 27.

Aspinall gamble

JOHN Aspinall launched his attempt to return to the London gambling world yesterday. He began the first of a four-day gambling licence application to open a club at the junction of Curzon Street and Market Mews in Mayfair, which is being contested by, among others, the Gaming Board for Great Britain and London Clubs Ltd.

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Survey shows leap in waiting lists for surgery

GPs and patients gain a helpline

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE number of people waiting for operations has jumped by 40,000 within a year, according to a report published today. Figures from the College of Health show that 1,131,703 people were waiting for surgery in September last year, up from 1,090,897 the previous year. However, the number in England fell slightly, by 1,300, in the six months from March last year.

Although the report also shows a small drop in those waiting more than a year in England, from 25 to 23 per cent, this is not reflected in the rest of Britain, where long waits have grown.

The college's *Guide to Hospital Waiting Lists 1991* coincides with the launch of a helpline, partly funded by the health department, to assist patients to avoid "unacceptably long" waits for treatment. A GP or patient can ring betweeen 10am and 4pm from Monday to Friday to get advice on the shortest waiting lists locally or nationally.

The guide, based on government figures, still points to huge variations in waiting lists and times. The longest lists remain in the North East Thames region, where 30 per cent of the 65,800 patients have been waiting more than a year. In the Mersey region only 9 per cent of 29,600 patients have been waiting more than 12 months.

The report says that because, under the introduction of the NHS reforms, health authorities have been told to send patients to the same hospitals this year as before, anomalies in lists will remain. It challenges the government's claim that under the reforms there will be more choice over where treatments can be carried out. The report expresses concern about the small amount of money which will be available to health districts for sending patients to hospitals outside the main block contracts already agreed.

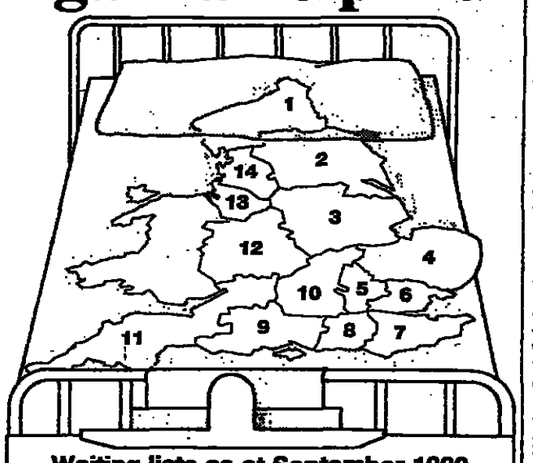
GPs trying to make use of the helpline to find shorter waiting lists, for example, may be told by the local health authority that there is no money to send the patient there.

Marianne Rigge, the college's director, said yesterday that the helpline could even out the "peaks and troughs" of the system. "We regard it as unacceptable that any person who is in discomfort or pain should have to wait over a year for an operation they need," Ms Rigge said. "Why should the geographical accident of district of residence make a patient in one district wait for over two years when there is no one waiting for over one year in several neighbouring districts?"

For many it was the uncertainty and anxiety of not knowing when they would be admitted, quite as much as the pain and discomfort, that made waiting so miserable.

The guide gives examples of victims of waiting lists, some of whom spend their savings or borrow money to have operations privately. A man needing a prostate operation was told by a hospital admissions clerk that virtually the only way people were admitted was "if they collapsed in the street".

The helpline was supported yesterday by William Waldegrave, the health secretary.



Waiting lists as at September 1990

Region	In-patients	% waiting over a year	Day Cases	% waiting over a year
1 Northern	37,700	16	13,000	9
2 Yorkshire	51,000	17	14,300	15
3 Trent	61,500	18	13,700	8
4 East Anglia	35,400	23	8,600	22
5 NW Thames	44,800	27	9,700	15
6 NE Thames	65,800	30	16,200	23
7 SE Thames	62,000	28	14,400	16
8 SW Thames	39,800	28	11,900	14
9 Wessex	42,600	23	10,800	8
10 Oxford	34,600	26	9,200	16
11 South Western	51,800	24	18,200	18
12 West Midlands	72,100	23	22,800	15
13 Mersey	29,600	9	14,800	6
14 North Western	67,900	24	21,200	16

Source: Bulletin 2(3)91, Department of Health 1991

Guy's confirms 300 job losses

By TIM JONES

GUY'S hospital, which has been in turmoil since it became a flagship for the government's health service reforms in April, yesterday confirmed that almost 300 jobs are to be shed as part of a plan to save £6.8 million and operate within a budget of £70 million.

The announcement was condemned by union leaders who fear that more jobs could be at risk in the south London hospital as management continues its efficiency exercise. Nineteen beds will also be lost, although the Guy's and Lewisham Trust said services would be maintained by an increase in day care surgery and improved bed management.

A total of 92 clinical and non-clinical staff will be made redundant with another 203 full-time posts going through natural wastage. Most of the redundancies will be among support staff such as porters and cleaners although ten unspecified clinical posts, probably nurses, will also have to go.

A statement from the board said: "Having set its house in order, the trust will be seeking over the coming months to examine all its services in concert with its staff, its users and its local community to ensure that it puts priority on those services which are judged to be both needed and of highest quality."

Labour PR men told to heal rift

URGENT attempts will be made next week to patch up a dispute inside Labour's key communications department, which is causing dismay among the party's leaders (Philip Webster writes).

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and Larry Whitty, the general secretary, are urging John Underwood, director of communications, and his deputy, Colin Byrne, to settle their differences.

Mr Underwood has been telling colleagues that he cannot work with Mr Byrne. Mr Whitty has proposed that Mr Byrne should move to another department at Walworth Road, the party headquarters in south London.

Mr Byrne, who worked with Peter Mandelson during his successful spell as Mr Underwood's predecessor, is understood to have suggested instead that discussions should be held on Mr Underwood and himself working on together. He has promised to support Mr Underwood.

The dispute could damage Labour's press operation. A source in its press office said yesterday: "If Colin if forced out, others will follow him out of the door." Mr Byrne's loss would also be seen as a waste by many party figures and shadow cabinet members, who rate his abilities highly.

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Scots fishermen are jailed for role in £100m cocaine haul

By KERRY GILL

THREE fishermen from the Scottish Highlands last night began a total of 55 years in prison after being found guilty of smuggling into Britain cocaine worth more than £100 million. It was the biggest drugs seizure by customs officials in the country's history.

Christopher Howarth, aged 34, was jailed for 25 years, Noel Hawkins, aged 21, was jailed for 15 years, and Robert Burns, aged 34, was also sentenced to 15 years. All three were from Ullapool on the northwest coast of Scotland. Howarth and Hawkins were also found guilty of having cocaine with intent to supply the drug.

Lord Penrose, sitting at the High Court in Edinburgh, said that without the trio's knowledge of Scotland's coastal waters international, drugs smugglers would have found their task much more difficult, if not impossible. Although it was said that the drugs were believed by the defendants to have been cannabis and not cocaine, the sentences had to reflect the seriousness of the crimes.

Hawkins appeared to have been led by the others, yet his sentence still had to be heavy. "Your adult life has hardly begun and now you must be sentenced for these offences," Lord Penrose told him.

The court heard that Howarth had been used as a pawn by others in a complex operation. Burns was said not to have gained a "single ha'penny" for his part.

The cocaine was discovered on a remote shore in the northwest of Scotland. It was found in old Gucci wrapping paper.

At first, customs officers involved in Operation Klondike had no idea of the scale of the case. They had spent 18 months shadowing a gang throughout Britain and Spain, waiting for what they believed would be a big consignment of cannabis. But instead they netted half a tonne of cocaine with a street value of £101.5 million. Customs officials were not the only ones who thought the drugs were cannabis when they arrived via the Sutherland coast last winter. David Forrest and Ian Rae, two couriers now serving a total of 16 years in prison for their part in the operation, also thought they were channelling the soft drug to a destination in London.

Forrest and Rae were caught with the bulk of the shipment after a pursuit down the A9 Inverness-to-Perth road. The drugs were found in the back of their van. Customs officers had expected the shipment to arrive in the small fishing port of Ullapool and, it emerged, it could have slipped through their fingers but for the suspicions of a local police sergeant who noticed the van early one morning while on his way to a course in Fort William.

The capture of the van had elements of the Keystone Cops: two uniformed police were needed to stop and arrest the occupants but only one officer was on duty at the small Kingussie police station. The services of Sandy Bennet, a traffic warden, were called upon. Mr Bennet was bundled into a police patrol car which sped off in pursuit. Two other police cars joined them and helped stop the van. "I jumped out to help the other officers block the doors," said Mr Bennet. "It was all pretty exciting."

The High Court in Edinburgh heard that the three accused, Christopher Howarth, aged 34, Robert Burns, aged 34, and Noel Hawkins, aged 21, believed they were dealing with a consignment of cannabis. At first they were charged with illegally trafficking in cannabis. When the customs men returned the next day to tell them that the drugs were, in fact, cocaine, Howarth, known as Crazy Chris, exclaimed: "You are joking."

An exiled Scot, dubbed Mr X, was described by the prosecution as the "commander-in-chief" of the operation. He has still to appear before a court. A warrant for his arrest has been issued and efforts are underway to extradite him from Spain, where he has been working in an olive oil import-export business.



Royal tribute: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the widow of Lieutenant Tom Morel, a wartime resistance leader, at his grave in the French Alps yesterday

Ten years for man in blackmail plot to poison sweets

A BUSINESSMAN was yesterday jailed for ten years for masterminding a £1 million plot to blackmail Cadbury's by threatening to poison their cream eggs.

Robert Telford told the chocolate firm he would put ten eggs contaminated with paraquat weedkiller in shops unless he was paid the cash. He made his demands in a series of letters — which he ended with "Have a nice day" — and by telephone.

Judge Rivlin said the 42-year-old builder "threatened the company with a problem of gigantic proportion and very great financial loss". Nigel Sweeney, for the prosecution, told the Central Criminal Court that Telford, who admitted blackmail, wrote in his first letter: "This is not a hoax, failure to comply with the following instructions will lead to dire consequences for your company." Poisoned eggs would be planted in shops throughout England unless £1 million in used £20 notes was paid.

Mr Sweeney said the letter added that failure to comply would bring immediate retribution and that if the money was not paid the demand would be doubled. There was no evidence of any contaminated eggs being put in shops.

Telford, of Wainfleet Road, Irby in the Marsh, near Skegness, Lincolnshire, faced a "wall of debt" after his DIY warehouse burnt down, his counsel, Michael Borrelli, said. The insurance company refused to pay because Telford had not told them of his previous convictions for supplying cannabis and handling and evading customs duty on 1,200 cigarette lighters.



Robert Telford: £1m blackmail demands made



Andrew Telford: Jailed for two years

Telford's son Andrew, aged 23, a carpenter, of Roman Bath, Skegness, admitted attempting to handle stolen goods and was jailed for two years. Nicholas Paley, aged 31, a caterer, of Algitha Road, Skegness, admitted the same offence and was jailed for 18 months, of which nine months were suspended.

Mr Sweeney said the three men travelled to London on a stolen motor-cycle last May to pick up the cash. Paley was arrested after picking up a sports bag containing marked £20 notes, left at a pre-arranged rendezvous by an undercover policeman. His information led police to the Telfords. The judge commended investigating officers from the regional crime squad.

A Cadbury Schweppes spokeswoman said later: "We were very pleased with the way the police handled the whole issue and we are satisfied with the way the court has dealt with the case. We are pleased consumer interests have been protected."

East Europe to top heart deaths league

EASTERN Europe is expected to suffer the world's highest death rate from coronary heart disease within two years, a British Heart Foundation symposium was told in Edinburgh yesterday (Kerry Gill writes).

Heart disease rates had spiralled in Eastern Europe during the past decade, largely because of increased smoking, fat consumption and overweight, as people adopted the more debilitating aspects of western lifestyles, according to Geoffrey Rose, professor of epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

The symposium is being held in Edinburgh because Scotland has the world's highest death rate from coronary heart disease. Professor Rose said, however, that the "catastrophic" rise in deaths in Eastern Europe would almost certainly leave such countries as the Soviet Union and Poland with the highest rate within two years. Poland's rate had doubled in recent years, he said. Mortality had also risen in Hong Kong and Singapore.

While death rates had fallen in the United States, Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and other western countries, the epidemics seen in the west were now afflicting Eastern Europe.

"Having adopted a more western lifestyle it would appear that there are factors in this, of which poor diet is certainly one, that influence coronary risk," Professor Rose said.

"They seem to combine the unhealthy characteristics of affluence, more cars, TV sets and increasing inactivity, with those of poverty, which results in an inability to buy healthy foods from an already limited range."

Though death rates were falling in the UK, he said, more than a quarter of adults were believed to be overweight. The message to eat less fat had fallen on deaf ears.

RSPCA may pay for dog neutering

By QUENTIN COWDRY
HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE RSPCA offered yesterday to help to meet the cost of a mass neutering programme for fighting dogs as further signs emerged that ministers might halt the planned destruction of 10,000 pit bull terriers.

At a meeting yesterday with Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, the society further increased pressure on ministers to abandon a plan to rush a bill through Parliament outlawing the ownership of fighting dogs, a move intended to force owners to have their pets put down.

The society said it would probably help needy owners pay for the neutering operations, which could cost up to £100. It has also drawn Mr Baker's attention to a programme recently devised by the Dutch government, which includes compulsory registration and laws forcing owners to take out third-party insurance on fighting dogs and to keep them leashed and muzzled in public.

Gavin Grant, the society's campaign's director, said: "Mass destruction would be inappropriate as there are many thousands of responsible owners of pit bulls who have had their dogs neutered, who don't have young families and who don't allow their animals to run freely."

Meanwhile, evidence is emerging that some owners of pit bulls, faced by the prospect of having to pay for their animals to be put down or neutered, are abandoning their pets. Dog wardens on Wirral, Merseyside, found two pit bulls roaming wild last week. Two more have been sent to them to be put down.

Minicab 'lord' jailed for fraud

By GEOFF KING

A MINICAB driver who bought the honorary title of Lord of the Manor of Newnham to help him to mastermind a £2½ million mortgage fraud was yesterday jailed for five years.

Daniel Hughes, aged 30, from Tottenham, north London, paid £30,000 for the title from the proceeds of his first fraudulent deals, Southwark crown court was told. He then used the name to apply for several more home loans, helped by four accomplices who included a solicitor, a former magistrate and a mortgage broker.

Judge Kenneth Cooke told Hughes it had been a "grandiose" conceit. His expensive lifestyle indicated "a carefully conceived course of fraud and the ability to enlist and involve the help of others who ought to have known better".

Hughes pleaded guilty to 12 counts of obtaining property by deception and one of conspiring to obtain property by deception. Robert Brownville, a surveyor aged 55, of Camberley, Surrey, pleaded guilty to two similar charges and was jailed for 15 months. Daniel O'Riardan, a mortgage broker, aged 34, of Maida Vale, northwest London, admitted one charge and was given a two-year conditional discharge. John Juviler, a solicitor aged 70, of Taplow, Buckinghamshire, who was convicted of two charges of obtaining property by deception, was sentenced to 18 months suspended for two years because of his age and medical condition.

Zaid Kashmiri, aged 29, an interior designer of Croydon, south London, was found guilty of four similar offences and was jailed for three years. A former magistrate, Jonathan Dugdale Bell, a valuer, was convicted of obtaining property by deception and is due to be sentenced in June.

Coral Browne dies, aged 77

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CORAL Browne, the Australian-born actress who crowned a distinguished stage and screen career with her television performance in *An Englishman Abroad*, based on her own encounter with the spy Guy Burgess in the Soviet Union, has died at the age of 77. She had battled for several years against cancer and was with her husband, the actor Vincent Price, at their Los Angeles home when she died.

Born in Melbourne in 1913, she first studied painting before making her stage debut there at the age of 18. She moved to London three years later, making an immediate West End debut.

She was seldom off the stage or film set for the next four decades. One of her closest friends was the actress Adrienne Corri. Miss Corri said: "She had an enormous natural wit, and in a way she was too funny for her own good. She was very beautiful and perhaps her wit superseded her art for some years. She came into her own later in her career. She will be badly missed."



Coral Browne with Vincent Price in 1976

She made a speciality of tough, career females whom she epitomised in the film *The Killing of Sister George* in which she played the film director who sacks the popular soap opera star. In the later Fifties she played an Old Vic season of Shakespeare, and toured with the company in Russia when she made Burgess's acquaintance. Twenty-five years later Alan Bennett's dramatisation of the encounter won her a Bafta award.

She met Vincent Price, with whom she celebrated his eightieth birthday earlier this week, when they worked together on the film *Theatre of Blood*. They married in 1974.

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Irish muzzle pride of the bulldog breed

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THAT quintessential symbol of the imperial Englishman, the bulldog, is in trouble with the law in the Republic of Ireland.

The government in Dublin, following hastily — its critics say too hastily — on the heels of the British government, has declared the English bulldog to be among the most dangerous breeds and ordered it to be muzzled in public.

The Irish and British bulldog fraternity are outraged at what they believe is a misunderstanding of the breed, described this week by one observer in Ireland as more of a slob than a savage.

In fact the bulldog, a favourite pet of Winston Churchill, was once a fearsome creature. Until the 19th century it was known for its ferocious appetite when pitted in the ring against bulls or rats. The Romans, perhaps foreshadowing the department of environment in Dublin, promulgated a decree banning bulldogs from the streets even if restrained by a chain. But the bulldog has changed over the past 100 years, its friends maintain, and is now bred, according to one guide book, to be "a good natured, reserved, dignified, loyal, domesticated dog, clean and aristocratic".

Leslie Thorpe, secretary of the National British Bulldog Club, who is shortly to travel to Dublin to judge the Irish Bulldog show, said that the dogs should not be included on a list of dangerous breeds. "They are very gentle animals," he said. "I have ten bulldogs here now. If I take any of my dogs for a walk I have no hesitation in allowing children to fuss them."

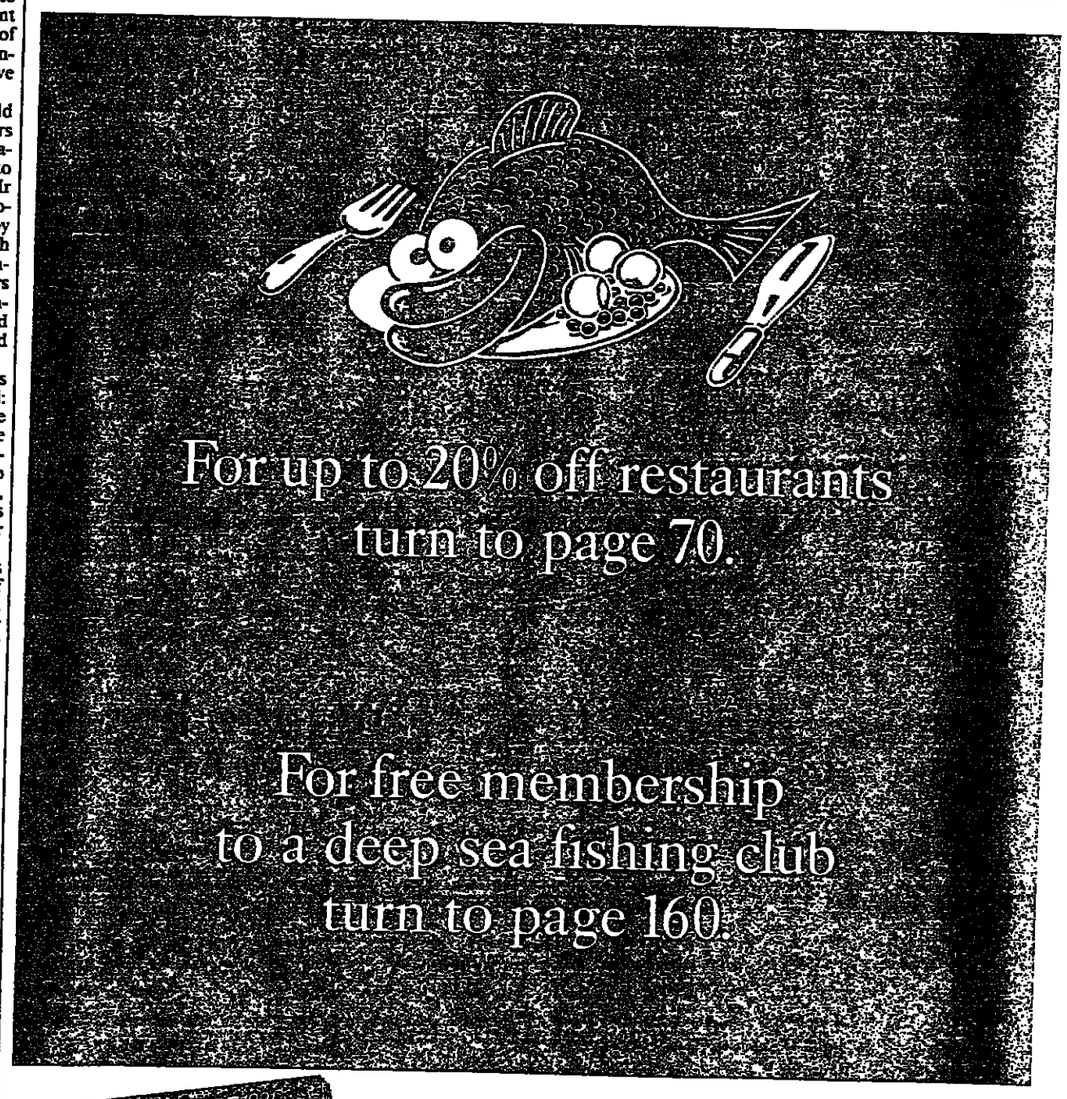
Theresa Owens, secretary of the Bulldog Club of Ireland, said she suspected that officials had simply included any dog with bull in its name. "I've said all along and I still maintain that they just didn't know what the bulldog looks like," she said. "He's very, very friendly and shows absolutely no sign of aggression towards humans or animals."

The bulldog is among 12 breeds listed by Padraig Flynn, the minister for the environment, to be kept on a strong chain or leash not more than a metre long in a public place and under the tight control of someone over the age of 16. From June 14 it will have to be muzzled in public.

Although no breeds are automatically to be put down, advertisements warn the public that failure to comply with the new regulations could mean a £100 fine or having a dog destroyed. The Irish Kennel Club, which was not consulted about the list, believes that only three breeds on it — the American pit bull terrier, the bandog and the Japanese tosa — can justifiably be termed dangerous. The club hopes to persuade Mr Flynn to think again.

Other dogs on the list include the bull mastiff, Rhodesian ridgeback, English bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, Dobermann pinscher, German shepherd, rottweiler and Japanese akita.

Yesterday a spokeswoman for the environment department said the list had been drawn up after consultation with the Irish Veterinary Union, the Irish Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals and individuals knowledgeable about dogs.





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QC's study condemns pindown regime as unethical

Social workers' response to runaway children violated human rights, a QC says. Jill Sherman reports

AT LEAST 132 children were illegally subjected to a regime of "isolation, confrontation and humiliation" over six years in four children's homes in Staffordshire, according to the report of an enquiry by Allan Levy, QC.

From 1983 to 1989, social workers kept children as young as nine for weeks in solitary confinement in their nightclothes or underwear in a "violation of human rights", said Mr Levy, who conducted the investigation with Barbara Kahan, a child-care expert

Psychiatrists told the enquiry that some of the children concerned could suffer long-term damage, including post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mr Levy concluded that the disciplinary technique known as "pindown" breached statutory regulations and was intrinsically unethical, unprofessional and unacceptable. "It falls in our opinion, decisively outside anything that could be considered good child-care practice," the report says.

Although senior managers were alerted to "pindown" within 12 months of its operation, it was halted only five years later. The government's social services inspectorate, which visited two of the four homes, also failed to pick up the ill-treatment of children.

No psychiatric, psychological or educational advice of any kind was obtained before or after "pindown" was introduced, and no formal legal advice was sought, the report, based on a sixth-month enquiry, says.

The report is a damning indictment of Staffordshire county council's social services department, painting a picture of an under-funded, under-staffed department with under-qualified workers run by crisis management. It also criticises social workers' failure to protect children in their care from sex offenders. Two members of a paedophile ring visited the home on a number of occasions, although there was no evidence that attempts were made to lure boys away for sex.

Yesterday, Christina Jebb, the councillor who first exposed the pindown regime, called on Michael Poulter, chairman of social services, and William Austin, the leader of the county council to accept political responsibility for "this gross mismanagement" by resigning.

The report makes 39 recommendations designed to protect children and to prevent pindown happening again. It calls for greater monitoring of methods used to control youngsters, stricter keeping of log books and a proper complaints procedure for staff, foster parents and children. In addition, it recommends a five-year training strategy and calls for an urgent review of the social services department's staffing policy.

Eighty-one boys and 51 girls were subjected to the pindown treatment for periods of up to 84 days at a time in four homes, The Alders, in Tamworth; The Birches, in Newcastle-under-Lyme; Hartshill Road, in Stoke-on-Trent; and Heron Cross House, in Stoke-on-Trent.

Some children, experiencing more than one period of pindown, received the treatment for 129 days in all. The report names a senior social worker, Tony Latham, as "architect and prime practitioner" of the harsh, restrictive and highly punitive technique. However, it blames the county council and senior management for failing to pick up concern about the treatment and letting it continue over such a long period.



Whistle-blower: Christina Jebb, the councillor who raised the alarm over pindown

Youngsters, come who had been placed voluntarily into care, were kept in conditions described by the Official Solicitor of the Supreme Court as worse than military prisons. Evidence from log books given to the enquiry show that children were shut into a room, known as a "crash pad" or "intensive training unit", with only a bed, a table and a chair for days, weeks or even months at a time. Often there was no proper food, medicine, schooling or help.

One book records how a boy was told "not to talk in order to conserve energy". Another said: "[Name] here for tea and punishment. To eat in pindown — no contact with any other lads. Dirtiest messiest jobs, he is not to stop until 7.30pm — except for tea."

A boy complaining of diarrhoea was given nothing but milk of magnesia for three days; the log book recorded: "Medicine is a privilege." An entry relating to a boy aged 10 in pindown read: "He tried to bite himself to death, made himself sick and finally tried to open his tummy up with his fingernails."

Children had to knock on the door to ask permission to go to the bathroom. Any visits from social workers were permitted only by arrangement with a team leader. Some children were taken out after school and at weekends and made to work unpaid for voluntary organisations and private companies, known as Fundwell, owned by Mr Latham.

The report says that there was no satisfactory evidence that doors were locked when children were in a pindown room. However, on at least one occasion, a door handle was "probably" removed, and saucepans and other objects were placed on door handles as warning objects, and staff slept outside rooms to deter children from coming out.

"Pindown contained the worst elements of institutional control: baths on admission, special clothing, strict routine segregation and isolation, humiliation and inappropriate bedtimes," the report says.

Some children, in desperation, tried to commit suicide by slashing their wrists or taking overdoses. Pindown was eventually stopped by the High Court in 1989, shortly after a child had jumped out of the window of her room to try to escape.

The log books also charted children's reactions to the regime, including: "Anger, depression, weeping, sobbing, anxiety, talking in sleep, talking to self, staring into space, lost confidence in people, frustrated, bored, banging on wall, loneliness, desperation, despair, could not eat, frantic attempt to get out, temper tantrums and absconding."

The report says: "The absence of professional advice in dealing with many children who were disturbed, depressed and in despair can only be described as inexplicable."

What started as a knee-jerk response to the problem of runaways from home, quickly became a routine matter of administration, the report says, with sophisticated pindown programmes being devised by 1986. Only a few children who were in pindown for a very short time were said to have benefited, it says.

● Lawyers yesterday said that, in their opinion, pindown amounted to false imprisonment (Frances Gibb writes). Hugh Potter, a member of the steering committee of solicitors representing 25 children, said: "Victims of false imprisonment are entitled to substantial compensation. The series of cases in the last five to 10 years have suggested that for perhaps one month, an individual might receive several thousand pounds."

A second claim to be considered was for the psychological effect of the punishment. If psychiatrists thought this was continuing for years, then, again, compensation could run to thousands of pounds, he said.

A third question was whether, if pindown was council policy, victims should be awarded aggravated or punitive damages, to reflect the council's wrongdoing.

The steering group yesterday gave the council a 42-day deadline to accept liability to pay out-of-court compensation. It also demanded that all council records of the youngsters be made available.

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Inmates recall fright, boredom and loneliness

By Our Social Services Correspondent

JANE was 13 years old when she was admitted to 245 Hartshill Road after running away from her foster parents and attempting to slit her wrists. She was put straight into pindown and given a nightdress to wear. Her clothes and shoes were taken away.

She was put in a room with a bed, a table and a wardrobe. She was told not to leave the room and that if she wanted anything, even to go to the lavatory, she had to knock on the door.

The next morning she was told that she had lost any privileges because she had run away from her foster parents. She was to rise at 7.15am and have a bath. Her bedtime and a bath was set at 9pm and then altered to 7.30pm a month later.

She remained in pindown for more than a month, although she ran away on several occasions. At times she was allowed out to have a meal with the other children and given back her clothes. They were taken away again as soon as she went back into pindown.

"After I'd worked my way out of the pindown room, I was so depressed and frustrated that I took an overdose. I was taken to hospital semi-conscious. I mean that's the only way I got out of 245," Jane said.

She told the enquiry that she was frightened in pindown. She had no exercise and the only conversation was with the person who brought her meals. The door was not locked, but pots and pans were hung on the handle, or a chair placed against it. "It made you feel everyone was against you; you were always in the wrong. No one would listen, it made me very depressed. It makes you feel a loner, I don't trust people any more."

☐ MICHAEL went into pindown aged 11. He was told to remove his clothes and refused. He was then held down on a bed and stripped, made to have a bath and given pyjamas. There was a bed, table and chair in the room but no reading or writing materials. He told the enquiry that the worst aspect of his ten-day confinement was boredom. "It was doing my head in."

He was readmitted a year later. Within a few days he was found in a state of collapse on the floor of his room and taken to hospital where no obvious illness was found. "It was suggested that what had happened to him may have been stress-related."

Michael is now unemployed, has an extensive criminal record and moves between addresses. He told the enquiry the care system "has messed my life up".

☐ SIMON was nine when he went into pindown. The log book at Hartshill Road charts a negative approach from the start. "Plenty of stern looks and tellings off to make him glad to go home. He is to perform tasks of a negative kind. If it appears that he is enjoying a task stop him and make him do something else."

In 1986 he was put in pindown again. His pyjama trousers and slippers were taken away and he was left in his underpants. After knocking on the door he was allowed to have a bath or go to the lavatory.



One of the rooms at the Hartshill home in Newcastle-under-Lyme

☐ PETER was one of the first three boys, aged 15, put into pindown in 1983. He was already glue-sniffing, playing truant from school and stealing.

He and two boys were taken from the Birches to Hartshill Road, wearing only underwear and no footwear and told to break into the part of the house they were staying in. The boys were then put into a room together and told to do keep-fit exercises.

The following morning, after sleeping on mattresses, they had to do bunny hops around a concrete square outside the building in their underwear for about 20 minutes. Peter claimed he was whipped as he hopped, although the residential worker denied this. Peter now has a serious drink problem and has served a prison term.

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Victims were coerced into repetitive, menial work

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR social worker, Tony Latham, was the architect and prime practitioner of the pindown treatment, which stemmed from his desire to "pin down" the problem of controlling children at the Staffordshire homes, says the Levy report.

Allan Levy, QC, holds him responsible for the creation of pindown and the use of it between November 1983 and September 1987 and in 1989.

"We are prepared to accept that Tony Latham, with an excess of enthusiasm and energy, hoped to control those he saw as difficult adolescents by the use of a system designed to provide individualised programming and the development of life and social skills," says the report.

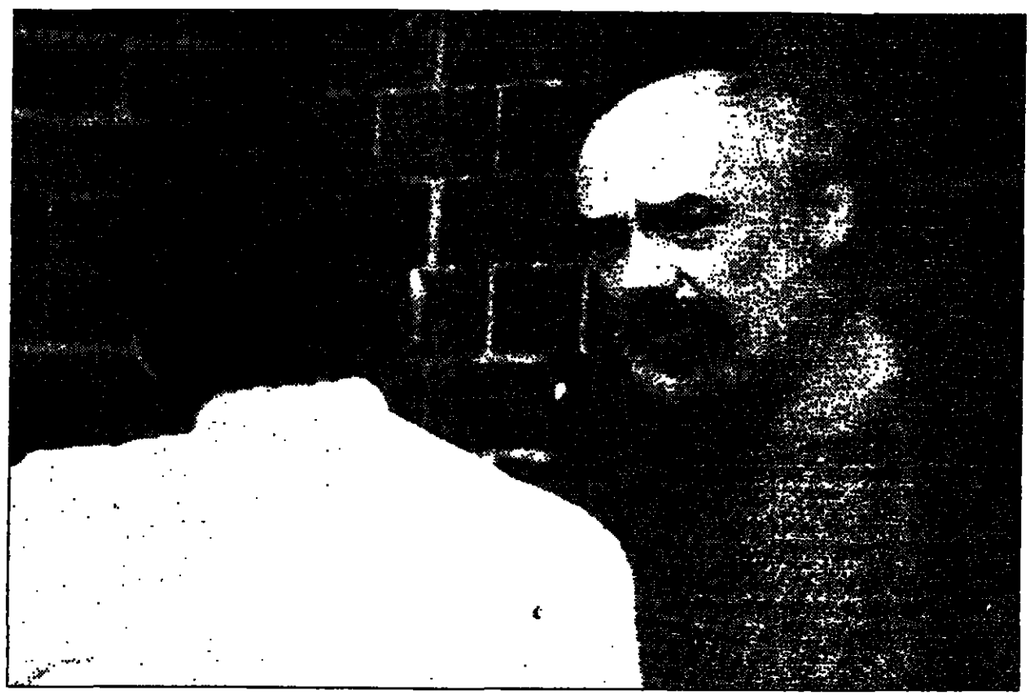
"The grim reality, however, was quite different. We can only think that he... lost sight of those minimum standards of behaviour and professional practice which are essential to a fair and sympathetic approach to children in care."

The report also singles out two of Mr Latham's colleagues, Glynis Mellors and Philip Price, who, it claims, must share responsibility for the disciplinary treatment. "It is a matter of regret that so many were prepared to be enthusiastic practitioners of pindown."

Mr Latham was also responsible for setting up Fundwell, a network of voluntary organisations and private companies which had contracts with the social services department. Fundwell, and its practice of employing some children in pindown to do menial work for its companies, appears to be intrinsically linked to the development of the treatment. The district auditor is now examining Fundwell's finances.

Other youngsters in care, YTS trainees and juvenile offenders were also involved in working for the Fundwell network, which sprang from a form of youth work and intermediate treatment set up by Mr Latham in 1972 for children living away from home. Teenagers, some still at school, were given a wide range of projects to undertake. These included bagging logs, feeding chickens, mowing lawns, house removals and fence repairs, usually at Duke's Lodge, Mr Latham's home, and sometimes for pocket money.

The report says: "Much of the work, in our view, was not educationally or generally beneficial in other respects. Some of the young people interviewed by the inquiry resented being used as a 'general dogsbody' and working very hard for little or no reward and without any choice."



Architect of pindown: Latham on Granada TV's *World in Action* in June 1990, when his methods were disclosed

Sometimes, the services were contracted back to the social services department, says the report. It claims that a number of youngsters did not want to be involved in the work, and some actively resisted. "There is little doubt that some of the children considered they were being punished," says the report. "The level of pressure was such that the word coerced is not too strong."

Staff were recruited by Mr Latham and Glynis Mellors, an administrative officer, and there was no supervision of what happened to the children. Staff originally recruited as volunteers to Fundwell were subsequently promoted as unqualified social workers, says the report.

Tony Latham began to work for Staffordshire social services department as an unqualified social worker in Tunstall, near Stoke-on-Trent, in 1972. Between then and 1989, the year pindown ceased, Mr Latham held a number of posts in the department from social worker to senior assistant.

Latham accepts findings and apologises

By BILL FROST

TONY Latham, the senior Staffordshire social worker who introduced pindown, acknowleged yesterday that the process was not acceptable as a way of dealing with troubled and difficult young people in care.

In a statement issued through his solicitor, Mr Latham said: "The inquiry report has made clear that the so-called pindown process was not acceptable. Tony Latham accepts that finding and welcomes both the recommendations that the report offers and the national debate which will now follow.

"Tony Latham's intention was to help the young people concerned, as the report accepts. It was to provide intensive individualised programmes with the aim of dealing rapidly with the particular child's problems, thus enabling them to return home to live with their families and not spend their childhoods in care.

"The inquiry has concluded that the strict regime intended to give a negative view of care for the child's ultimate benefit was a fundamentally flawed approach. The inquiry also concluded that the approach could not have been successfully pursued anyway in the context of the lack of available sources in Staffordshire.

"The report shows that pindown was examined by senior social services staff within three months or so of its first use in November 1983. It was permitted to continue and did so openly. There has never been any question of Tony Latham having attempted to hide his activities. Indeed, the report makes it quite clear that all staff involved were open and frank.

"Given the extent of the inquiry and its private inquisitorial nature, it is perhaps inevitable that there are some findings which Tony Latham is unable to accept and some areas where there is disappointment with the report.

"While Tony Latham accepts the expert view that the basis of pindown was wrong, he does not accept the overall impression of the severity of pindown when he was involved in it. Tony Latham set out to help children and has devoted his life to that aim. Any suffering that he has caused is a matter of deep distress and regret for him."

Care chiefs failed to act for years

By JILL SHERMAN

THE Levy report condemns the failure of both Staffordshire council and senior social services managers to intervene even when the treatment of children appeared to break the law.

Although managers were warned about the treatment within three months of its introduction they failed to act for more than five years.

Details of the regime were sent by Fred Hill, senior assistant in child care, to Peter Crockett, social services assistant director, on February 16, 1984, after a visit to The Birches children's home.

Mr Hill gave a warning that solitary confinement appeared to fall outside regulations and called for guidance to be sent to social workers. Nothing was done for nine months and Mr Hill was asked to review care at The Birches. When he saw that children were still being placed in isolation he recommended disbanding the unit and banning the removal of children's clothes.

Letters between Mr Crockett and the area social worker, Elizabeth Brennan, revealed that subsequent instructions were treated as guidance only and failed to mention the ban on removing clothes.

"The name pindown was referred to in documentation circulating apparently in the department in 1986, 1988 and 1989. We were told by the two deputy directors, Peter Crockett and John Spurr, that they had no detailed knowledge of the nature of the pindown regime until October 1989. We consider that if they were not aware of what was happening over a period of almost six years, it can only reflect a most serious flaw in the management of the department. The responsibility for this state of affairs must ultimately lie with those at the very top of the department."

The report also criticises middle management, which it says "has much to answer for". It claims that Elizabeth Brennan, principal area officer responsible for Hartshill Road and The Birches, was quite aware of pindown, although she told the enquiry that she did not know all its aspects.

"From the comprehensive evidence presented to us we are firmly of the view that management in the social services in Staffordshire was inadequate for its task and lacked many of the essential characteristics to ensure good services to the public," the report says.

"Evidence from both county council and staff witnesses suggested that so long as there was no trouble, a blind eye was turned to some practices. Vision, leadership commitment to quality services and recognition of the need for adequate knowledge, training and skill in the care of children were all seriously lacking."

The report concludes that throughout the period there was a lack of written objectives or guidelines. Staff were left to cope with "no support, no information and totally inadequate resources".

Barry O'Neill, the former social services director, told the enquiry that expenditure per head was the second lowest among counties in England and Wales.

Complaint system to be set up soon

By FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

COMPLAINTS machinery for children and statutory regulations on punishments are among safeguards to be afforded to children when the Children Act comes into force in October.

Jane Hern, secretary of the Law Society's family law committee, said yesterday that under the act local authorities would have to have a complaints procedure that could be used by all children in care, not just those in residential care.

At present, arrangements were patchy: some local authorities had complaints procedures that worked well, others did not. "The main question is whether the legisation will be tough enough."

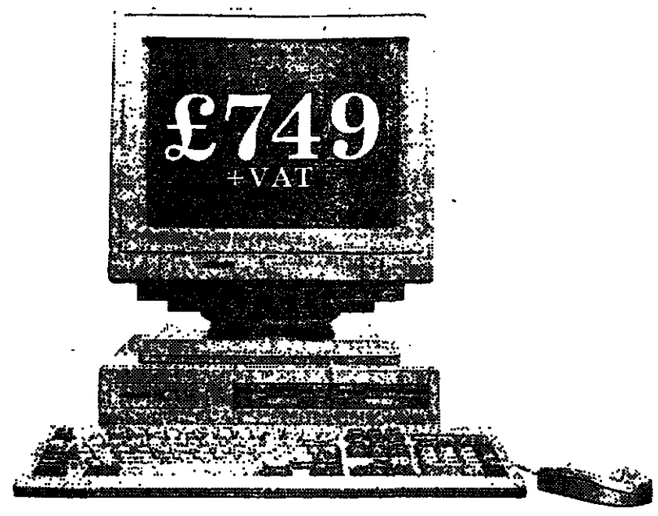
She added that it was also important that children had access to proper representation if they did want to complain. A scheme was being developed, called Urchin, that aimed to put children in care who had a complaint in touch with a social worker who could pursue the complaint.

In turn, the Law Society was planning to see if it could develop links between that scheme and its own panel of child care experts, so that if the child in care also needed a solicitor, one could be provided.

The Children Act 1989 provides for guidance to be issued on how children in residential care should be treated. That guidance, to be published in a few weeks' time, will cover such matters as corporal punishment (banned in local authority homes and to be be subject to far greater restrictions in boarding schools); deprivation of food (also not allowed) and contact with parents and families.

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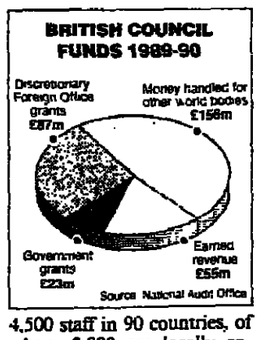
Revamped British Council 'vital to nation's interests'

By MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE British Council, once the target of sceptics and cost-cutters, is now a vital promoter of British interests overseas, whose success and business efficiency were warmly acclaimed in the first independent audit of its activities, which was presented to Parliament yesterday.

The National Audit Office found that since introducing new corporate planning four years ago, the council's management and staff have had a clear sense of purpose and direction, building on its 1940 charter, making its limited budget go much further than before, identifying and correcting weaknesses and developing what the office called a "very good model".

The British Council now rivals the diplomatic service in size and budget. It has become a vital complementary presence in almost every country where British diplomats work, and arguably does more than the Foreign Office to further British interests and trade. It employs



4,500 staff in 90 countries, of whom 2,800 are locally engaged. In 1989-90 its income totalled £321 million. Founded in 1934, the council introduced a new planning system four years ago to ensure that money was spent on specific objectives.

The demand for the council's services around the globe is acute and, with 1,000 million people learning English as a foreign language in 31 countries, so is the demand for teachers, books and materials. Teaching accounts for 10 per cent of the council's budget, library services for a further 14 per cent. In India, membership of libraries has risen 28 per cent over the past four years.

The arts accounted for five per cent of the budget in 1989-90. The council supported almost 1,000 events around the world, including British film festivals, touring Shakespeare productions in Africa, and participation in cultural festivals in Venice, Brazil and India. Its ability to get others to pay for this was pointed up by the audit: the council matched £16 million of British government money with £50 million, mostly from host governments.

The council's headquarters and 650 jobs will move to Manchester from central London at the end of this year. The cost will be higher than the original estimate of up to £15.2 million, but is offset by recurrent yearly savings of about £750,000 a year.

The council is increasingly business-orientated, taking on contract work and teaming up with British industry to offer training and education packages, such as in the contract signed with Kuwait last week, worth £40 million, to re-equip 205 schools.



TONY WHITE

Cow bell: Colin Gilbert, a livestock farmer, finds a telephone box a useful tethering post for his Ayrshire cow Elma as he makes a call during a visit to the Royal Bath and West agricultural show. More than 30,000 people attended the first day of the show at Shepton Mallet, Somerset



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Newspaper guilty of vendetta against MP

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE *News of the World* carried out a vendetta to embarrass Clare Short, the Labour MP, in retaliation for her long-running campaign against the publication of photographs of bare-breasted women, the Press Complaints Commission ruled yesterday.

The commission upheld complaints by Ms Short that the tabloid newspaper had intruded into her private life without any public-interest justification only to publish misleading and inaccurate material contrary to its code of practice.

Two stories in the *News of the World* raised "inescapable suspicion" that the paper was "pursuing its private interest" to discredit Ms Short after her failed private member's bill in 1986 to outlaw the photographs.

The paper "unwarrantedly and irrelevantly" linked Ms Short with a small advertisement for "naughty pictures" in the Labour weekly *Tribune*. It later mistakenly alleged that a woman questioned by the Obscene Publications Squad had worked on Ms Short's 1986 bill.

A second complaint, that a third report in the paper again intruded on her privacy and misrepresented her criticism of the *News of the World* after a statement by her in the Commons, was also upheld by the commission. It ruled that the report was in breach of the clauses on accuracy and privacy in the newspaper industry's code of practice.

Ms Short said the newspaper had "crawled over the whole of my adult life", even going so far as to interview her first husband of 20 years ago. They wanted to know if he had any "naughty photos" of her.

☐ *The Daily Telegraph* is to launch a tabloid, *The Weekly Telegraph*, aimed at British expatriates, on July 16.

Electrified line to allow competing rail services

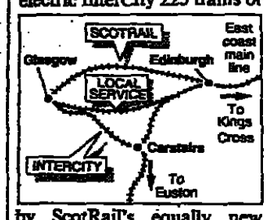
By MICHAEL DYNES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

A NEW era of competition between passenger rail services in Scotland was inaugurated yesterday with the opening of the electrification of the Edinburgh-to-Glasgow route via Carstairs.

When the new timetable comes into operation in July, passengers travelling between Scotland's two biggest cities will be able to choose between ScotRail's existing service via Falkirk, and InterCity's electrified service via Carstairs.

Unveiling the newly electrified InterCity Edinburgh-to-Glasgow route, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, said: "I see this new service as the first seeds in Scotland of competition on the passenger rail network."

Passengers will be able to travel by new loco-hauled electric InterCity 225 trains or



by ScotRail's equally new Class 158 diesel trains. "An InterCity service with more first-class seats, on the one hand, against equally fast, more frequent services provided by ScotRail, on the other, should mean more competition," Mr Rifkind said.

An estimated 3.2 million passengers make the 47-mile journey between Edinburgh and Glasgow each year. Increased choice will force InterCity and ScotRail to compete to maintain and expand their shares of the market. "I look forward to the day when they will be able to compete not only on service and frequency, but also on speed and price," Mr Rifkind said.

Police-hired guards urged on city beats

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CHIEF constables should be able to hire private security guards to patrol inner-city areas such as housing estates to provide a deterrent to trouble, the Adam Smith Institute says today in a report on policing in the 1990s.

If chief constables were given greater control of their funds, more economies might be made that could finance the use of private guards where needed, the report says. It cites the wide use of private security companies by local authorities and community organisations in the United States.

The report's authors call for greater use of private security companies, arguing that tougher regulation will stifle competition and the growth of smaller or more innovative companies. Laws should be amended to allow companies to check the background of prospective employees for criminal records, which would meet criticisms. Examining the role of the police, the report concludes: "In the short term, reform can be postponed. It is easier to spare public services from scrutiny and to protect them from competitive pressures. However, we are fast reaching a time when the need for reform of our system of law enforcement will become unavoidable."

It had to be recognised that independent security firms and individuals also formed a part of the law enforcement system. It was time "to sweep aside the professional jealousies and vested interests" preventing the community from beating crime.

Such minor functions as escorting abnormal loads, registering aliens and security at courts could be contracted out to private companies.

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Compulsory school tests at seven must end, heads say

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR



Partington: schools have suffered enough

COMPULSORY testing of seven-year-old pupils as part of the national curriculum should be ended, head teachers said yesterday.

"Schools, teachers and pupils have suffered enough. The time for experimenting is over." Pat Partington, a primary school head teacher, told the annual conference of the National Association of Head Teachers at Scarborough. "A system must now be introduced which is acceptable, manageable and does not cause normal teaching and learning to be suspended. Parents and teachers alike have made this clear."

Mrs Partington, head of Bramcote Hills primary school at Beeston, Nottinghamshire, said that the present system of tests in mathematics, English and science, known officially as standard assessment tasks (Sats), was fundamentally flawed because the system failed to understand and appreciate the way seven-year-old children thought and reacted.

Testing that had so far cost the government at least £6 million had "led to classroom confusion, lost learning opportunities and children on hold for five or six weeks", she said. The tests had put extra pressure and stress on children and teachers but "had told teachers little they did not already know about their children".

Tim Eggar, the education minister, is expected to tell conference delegates today that the government remains committed to formal testing but is prepared to make further adjustments to make them more manageable. The heads believe, however, that children should be assessed by their own teachers throughout the school year, using external Sats to monitor their own judgments.

"We need new procedures that support and not destroy teaching and learning," Mrs Partington said. "The Sats did not work and we must not allow further disruption to the education of seven-year-olds."

The conference agreed that guidance should be provided to help head teachers through the "minefield" of commercial sponsorship and to prevent them becoming "puppets of the voracious".

David Kershaw, head of a Coventry school, said that big companies were planning ways "to get past teachers and target the nation's schoolchildren". He added: "Many schools will be tempted to look at sponsorship, which does have many advantages, but there are also grave dangers and pitfalls."

'First educate your teachers'

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

BETTER educated teachers are essential if there is to be any substantial improvement in educational standards, and without them all reforms will fail, head teachers were told yesterday.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, told its annual conference: "Teacher quality is the single most important issue of this decade. All the proposals for reform, all the solutions put forward to solve the problem of higher standards, all the desirable attempts to revolutionise education, will falter or fail unless we can recruit, retain and motivate good teachers to join and stay in the teaching profession."

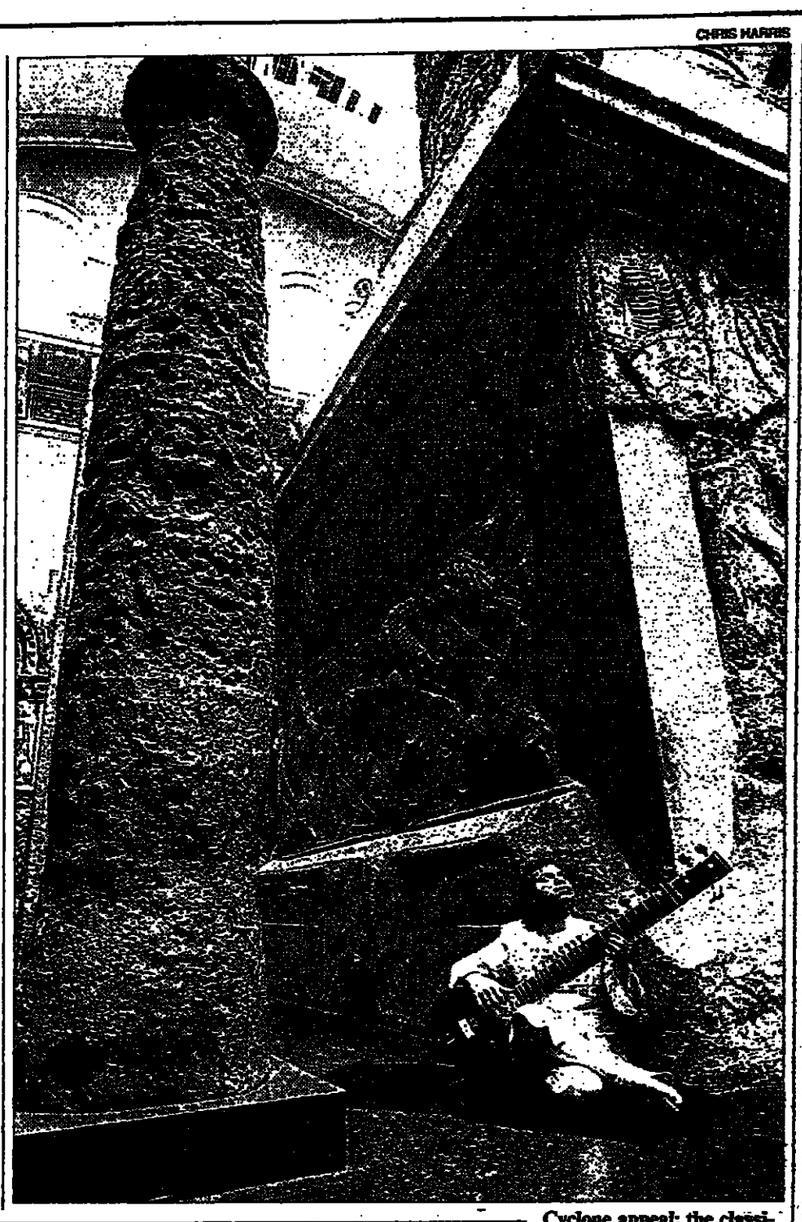
Mr Hart told the conference in Scarborough that students with low A-level passes formed 93 per cent of trainee teachers taking bachelor of education courses at colleges and polytechnics. Eight out of ten graduates entering the profession had a good second-class honours degree, but when it came to mathematics, physics and chemistry the figure fell to 65 per cent.

Not only were too few well educated people entering the profession, too many were leaving it, Mr Hart said. The number of teachers who retired early rose from 7,694 in 1987 to 12,343 in 1989, and those who left because of ill health rose from 2,551 to 4,041 over the same period.

The situation could be improved only by an urgent increase in teachers' salaries, which gave a good honours graduate a starting salary of £11,500 a year, he said. "Why should good honours graduate teachers earn 50 per cent less than medical practitioners, 75 per cent less than accountants or 80 per cent less than civil engineers?"

Mr Hart also told the conference: "True academic accountability can only exist when heads make the decision on staffing, the curriculum and the budget." They should not have to take responsibility for staff who had been appointed against their advice. "We must urge a change in the law so that the position where heads have the responsibility but no power in this vital area has gone forever."

CHRIS HARRIS



Cyclone appeal: the classical Indian musician Nishat Khan in practice at the Victoria and Albert Museum, where he will give a sitar recital tomorrow for the Bangladesh cyclone appeal. Tickets for the concert, organized by the V & A in conjunction with Unicef, are available from the museum box office at £20, with a few at £7.50

Pressure grows to ban 'wall of death' drift nets

By DAVID YOUNG

JOHN Gummer, the fisheries minister, yesterday warned the four Cornish fishermen who plan to start using drift nets to catch tuna in the western approaches that their equipment could be declared illegal and banned from mid-July.

Drift nets are widely blamed by conservationists for causing the decline in the population of dolphins, porpoises and small whales in the Pacific, and their proposed use has caused embarrassment for British delegates at the International Whaling Commission conference now taking place in Iceland. A UN resolution which Britain has endorsed bans the use of such nets from next year.

Mr Gummer said yesterday that the EC was considering a ban on the nets by Community fishing fleets from mid-July. "I am not prepared to allow fishing which endangers the dolphins. Conservation must come first," he said. "We have warned these fishermen that if the law is changed they will have to cease fishing."

The fishermen at the centre of the row — Chris Hill, Ian Mitchell and Martin Jones, of Newlyn, and Freddie Turner, of Mevagissey — hope to catch 14,000lb of albacore tuna 300 miles out in the Atlantic off Ireland, between the end of June and early September, using nets imported from Taiwan at a cost of £20,000 each.

Freddie Turner, skipper of the Britannia V, said: "The criticism is unfair. The nets are for fishing for tuna and a different type of tuna to the one in the Pacific. People say the nets are walls of death but the Irish fished there for 17 weeks last year and caught only one or two dolphins. Pressure will not stop us going out. It is the only way we can keep our heads above water."

John Leach, Mr Turner's partner, said: "The skippers went into this very thoroughly before deciding to buy the nets. If they thought they would kill dolphins and porpoises they would simply not go out to sea."

A Greenpeace spokesman said: "We have campaigned all over the world about the use of drift nets and our main consideration is that they are indiscriminate. They kill everything in their path." Martin Laity, of Falmouth, who supplies drift nets to Cornish and Irish fishermen, said: "The nets are very selective and very effective. They bear no resemblance to the type used in the Pacific and are no danger to dolphins."

Ozone fall may be Sun's fault

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MANKIND may not be to blame for the rapid decline in ozone levels in the atmosphere, scientists say.

The sharp fall detected by satellites — twice as fast as previously assumed — caused alarm when disclosed by the US Environmental Protection Agency last month, prompting suggestions that ozone-depleting chemicals should be phased out more rapidly.

But researchers at a meeting of the American Geophysical Union in Baltimore have cautioned against assuming that all the decline is caused by the chemicals. Lin Callis, of the US space agency Nasa's Langley research centre, said that up to 75 per cent of the drop was caused by the influence of the Sun. Electrons and neutrons from the Sun could break down ozone, and the numbers of such particles varied during the solar cycle.

Fred Singer, an atmosphere scientist from Virginia university, said that the world was being stampeded into cutting the use of some chemicals.



Leach: skippers have no wish to harm dolphins

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Search for children

A High Court judge yesterday ordered a search for two children taken from London by their mother. Judge Medawar, QC, lifted reporting restrictions and asked the public to help to trace Gary Taylor, aged 12, and his sister Susan, aged 10.

They are believed to be somewhere in Britain with their mother, Angela Taylor, aged 31, who might also be using the surname Nunes or Hunt. She is judicially separated from the children's father, Frank, of West Drayton, west London.

Coins dug up

A gardener has dug up 2,300 Roman coins dating from the 3rd century AD while preparing foundations for a garden shed at his home in Newstead, Nottinghamshire. He is to sell the coins to Nottingham museum for £1,300.

Escaper caught

Frederick Rogers, aged 26, was recaptured in Winchester, Hampshire, two days after escaping from Dartmoor prison in the back of a swill lorry. He is serving ten years for armed robbery and burglary.

Drugs remand

Terence Sharp, aged 20, of St Luke's Estate, Islington, north London, was remanded for a week by Marlborough Street magistrates, accused of conspiring to steal cocaine with a street value of £1million.

Rail death

A man's body was found by British Rail staff close to the railway track at Culham station, Oxfordshire. He had apparently been struck by a train.

Driver attacked

A motorist returning from Belgium was attacked by two men carrying knives and robbed of £260 after he pulled off the M2 at Sittingbourne, Kent, for a brief rest. The Dorset man was woken by the thieves smashing his windscreen.

Bishop's trek

The Bishop of Reading, the Right Rev John Bone, begins a 250-mile walk on Sunday to visit every member of his congregation in towns and villages in Berkshire and south Oxfordshire.

Helpful advice

An Essex policeman's home was burgled after he left a message on his answerphone saying, "Sorry we're away on holiday" and when he was returning.

Bridge hazard

A woman pedestrian was treated in hospital after being struck by a motor yacht's mast as she crossed the Haven bridge in Great Yarmouth. A tidal surge swept the boat into the bridge and the mast snapped.



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Defiant Amharas continue their challenge to new regime in Ethiopia

Rebels try to inspire return to normality

From TIM DEAGLE AND ANDREW LYCETT IN ADDIS ABABA

DISTURBANCES continued in Addis Ababa yesterday in spite of a ban on public demonstrations by the new interim government made up of former rebels. At least one protester was killed.

The number of dead and wounded is increasing with every day, leaving the hospitals full to overflowing. In the past two days, one hospital alone has treated more than 400 wounded, the majority of them suffering from gunshot wounds.

At one hospital in Addis Ababa the wards, corridors and utility rooms are packed with the injured and dying. A pregnant woman of about 30 lay in one of the few metal cots with a bullet in her stomach. Doctors here do not yet know whether they can save her or the child.

In the long humid corridor outside the ward a man lay on his stomach, his arms, chest and head almost entirely covered in bandages. He was badly burned and wounded when an ammunition dump exploded near to his house four days ago.

In an effort to restore calm and a sense of normality the leadership of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front announced that all shops and businesses will stay open from 7am to 7pm, reducing the curfew to just the hours of darkness. Many shops and businesses have opened and are once again offering everything from clothes to cigarettes. Although many of the markets and shopping districts are full of people there is little business being done. Few people have enough money to buy anything but the most basic necessities.

The taxis and buses are once again on the streets of the capital, their horns blaring, full to bursting with people. The record shops are open, spewing their deafening merchandise on to the street, as are the petrol stations, even though there is precious little fuel available. The shoeshine boys in their tatty clothes carrying their inevitable wooden boxes are back along with the children begging at the busy traffic junctions. But this effort at normality does little to dispell the atmosphere of violence and death.

The sight of bodies has become commonplace. None of the bodies of people shot by the Ethiopian front has been removed; they are left as a message and a warning to those contemplating opposition. The heavily armed, surly rebels still line the streets of the city but the power they represent — and the declarations of normality they issue — do nothing to change the attitude of the people. "I think there will be another civil war in Ethiopia," a girl of about 16 said. "You have to understand Ethiopia is a very, very unlucky country."

Many people here are still seriously concerned about the intentions of the Ethiopian front, which seized power in the city two days ago. But the front has taken steps to allay fears and get the country's administration working normally again. All departmental heads in Ethiopia's various ministries were summoned to a meeting with the front's provisional committee for Addis Ababa in the National Theatre yesterday afternoon. The civil servants were told to carry on their work as normal. If government employees are not back at their desks by this morning, their names are to be reported to the front. The front has not finished its round of meetings, however. It has ordered all senior members of the political party and the army which supported the Mengistu regime to report to its headquarters by today. The state radio claimed yesterday that some politicians have agreed to work with the new regime, among them Shimalis Adunya, the former deputy prime minister.

The front also announced yesterday that it had captured a number of senior officers who served the former regime, including the army's political commissar, and the chief of ground forces.

If the former deputy prime minister has agreed to work with the Ethiopian front, it will help fill the gaping hole in its political platform — the lack of representation in its councils of the Amhara people who have ruled Ethiopia for over a century. Elements among them who worked against the Mengistu regime feel betrayed by the way they believe the US sanctioned the takeover of Addis Ababa.

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Other side of the fence: an Ethiopian soldier, captured by the revolutionary democratic front, staring behind barbed wire at Addis Ababa racetrack

Hunger strike raises fears

Johannesburg — Lawyers say that more than 100 prisoners, convicted of what they regard as politically related offences, are refusing food. The mass hunger strike began on May 1 and the health of some of the strikers is said to be precarious (Gavin Bell writes).

The detainees are demanding freedom under an agreement between Pretoria and the African National Congress. President de Klerk said he was satisfied that all prisoners who clearly qualified for political status had been released, but officials were still sifting through petitions.

Rhino shootout

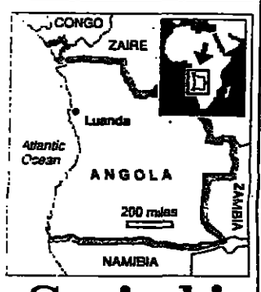
Harare — Three Zambian rhino-poachers were killed in a shootout with police in northwestern Zimbabwe and another drowned while trying to escape. Ten rhino horns were recovered from the scene. *(AFP)*

Diplomatic thaw

Canberra — Gareth Evans, the Australian foreign minister, said yesterday that he will visit South Africa for a week from June 6, the first such tour since apartheid was introduced more than 40 years ago. *(Reuter)*

Chad defiant

Abuja, Nigeria — Chad insisted its border dispute with Libya stay on the Organisation of African Unity agenda. Soungi Ahmat, the Chadian foreign minister, rejected Libyan calls for the OAU to halt its investigation. *(AFP)*



Savimbi puts aside weapons of war

From DALE LAUTENBACH IN LUANDA AND STEPHEN TAYLOR IN PRETORIA

THE formal signing of the Angolan peace agreement between President dos Santos and Jonas Savimbi, the Unita rebel movement leader, will take place in Lisbon today, in the presence of the James Baker, the United States of Secretary of State, and Aleksandr Bessmertnykh, his Soviet counterpart.

The agreement, which comes after a ceasefire two weeks ago, will, it is hoped, put an end to 16 years of civil war which has devastated the country since independence from Portugal in 1975. Soldiers of the two conflicting armies have already made remarkable and perhaps unexpected progress in consolidating the peace.

Dr Savimbi, speaking at a South African government guest house before leaving for Lisbon yesterday, said: "We are reaching the end of a long journey to democracy. That is what we wanted. I will not go back to fight in another bush war." The guerrilla leader has survived the taint of association with Pretoria, allegations of human rights abuses and a war which has cost more than 250,000 lives.

With an agreement in place for internationally supervised elections by September 1992, Dr Savimbi, aged 56, has started to make the transition from guerrilla commander to political leader. He said the ceasefire was holding and that local commissions set up to keep the peace were working effectively.

With the last of the 55,000 Cuban troops which fought alongside government forces now gone, Dr Savimbi said he would move from his bush headquarters at Jamba in southern Angola, to Luanda. Both sides were committed to a multi-party system and a one-term presidential mandate, he said.

The rewards of economic success would be immense. Potentially, the country is the second-richest on the continent, with vast mineral and oil reserves.

Unrest tempers our man's good hopes for Cape

Sir Robin Renwick, the British ambassador to South Africa, is leaving after four remarkable years, **Gavin Bell** reports

THE British embassy in Cape Town has a unique vantage point on political changes in South Africa: by a quirk of colonial history it is in the parliamentary complex, directly opposite the House of Assembly and the president's offices.

Sir Robin Renwick, our man in South Africa, has played a discreet but influential role in the anti-apartheid reform process. He is now disturbed by the political turmoil threatening to wreck it on the eve of his departure.

Sir Robin, aged 53, leaves this weekend to become ambassador to Washington, at the end of a remarkable four-year tour of duty. His efforts to eradicate apartheid have drawn tributes from black and white leaders, but also gunshots aimed at his offices in Pretoria by right-wing extremists.



Renwick: a discreet role in the reform process

R. F. "Pik" Botha, the foreign minister, says that Sir Robin is "probably the most outstanding ambassador ever stationed in South Africa". Neil van Heerden, the director of foreign affairs, recalls his constructive role in the Namibian independence process. "He spent a lot of time reading our minds, sending back suggestions and proposals. He was very important."

Despite differences over sanctions, Sir Robin enjoys cordial relations with the African National Congress. Yusuf Saloojee, the organisation's director of international affairs, says that the ANC has no reason to feel dissatisfied with the ambassador.

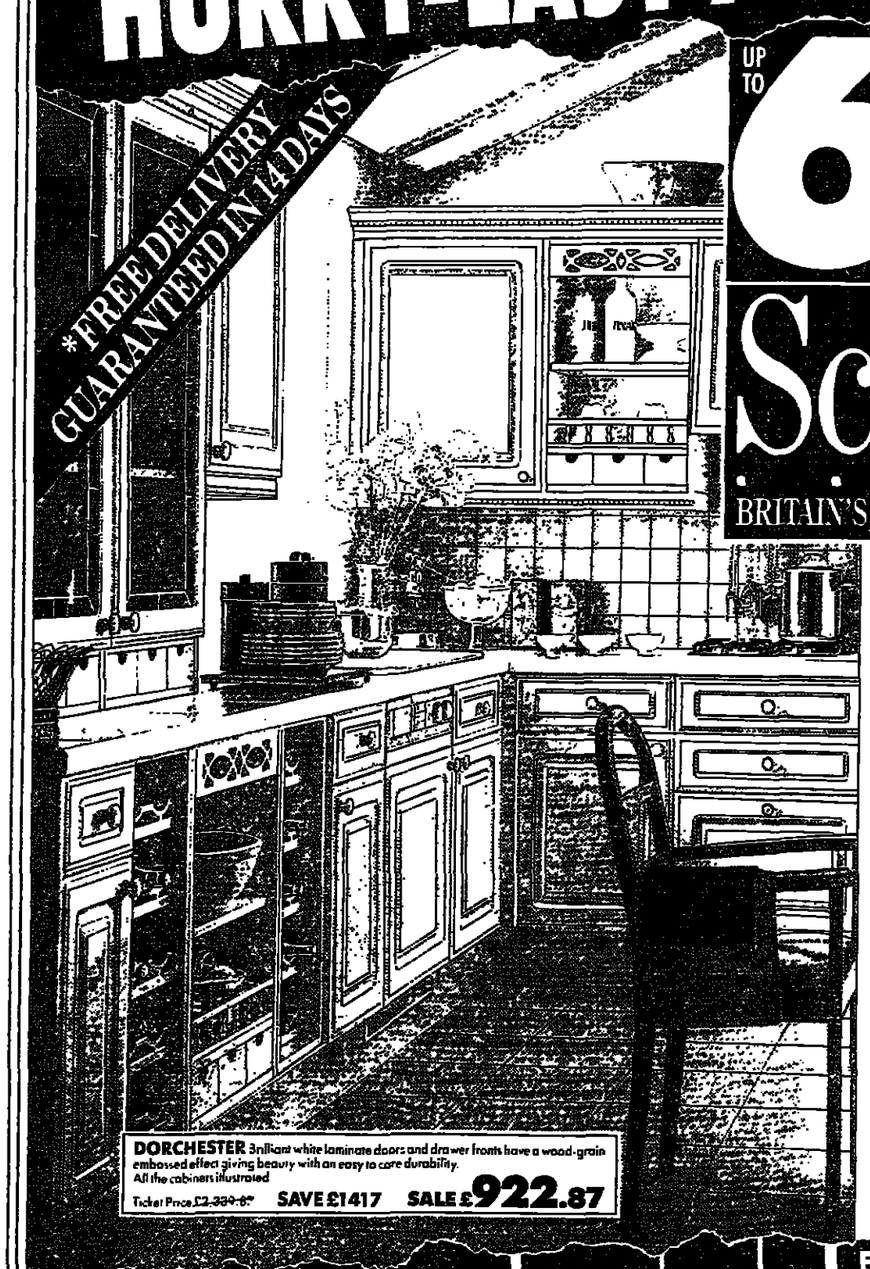
It was not always thus. When Sir Robin arrived in 1987, after playing a prominent role in the Lancaster House negotiations that led to Zimbabwean independence, he was viewed with suspicion by the government of President Botha. The ANC leaders were all in jail, in exile, or in hiding. A year later Mr Botha effectively banned the United Democratic Front, the main surrogate of the ANC. It was, he says, a pretty bleak time. The ambassador promptly became a diplomatic eminence grise, seeking out so-called *verligte* (enlightened) figures susceptible to change. While the government was persecuting anti-apartheid activists, he was inviting them to dinner with leading Afrikaner politicians, churchmen and bankers.

Sir Robin's dinner-table diplomacy continued after President de Klerk began his reform initiative last year. A black journalist invited to one of these discreet soirées recalls a cordial conversation between Popo Molefe of the ANC, Digkang Moseneke of the radical Pan Africanist Congress, and Koos van der Merwe, a fiery orator of the far-right Conservative party who refused to share a public platform with an ANC official.

The health, education and small business programmes, which have increased fivefold during his tenure, enabled what he calls his "township attachés" to befriend a wide range of anti-apartheid activists. "They got to know the chaps on the other side of the barricades better than most," he says. "They made a phenomenal difference."

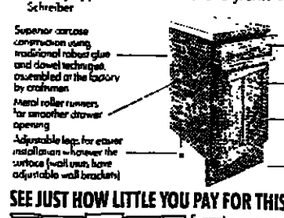
Sir Robin is dismayed by the emotional roller-coaster set in motion by political wrangling and violence, but believes eventually it will come to a halt. "I am not very pessimistic," he says. "Negotiations between the government and the ANC will resume because they will have to."

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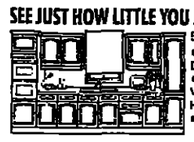


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Australian turmoil as Hawke faces deputy's challenge

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

AUSTRALIA was in political turmoil last night as Bob Hawke, prime minister for the past eight years, faced a challenge for the leadership of the Labor party from his deputy, Paul Keating, the treasurer (finance minister). The leadership vote will take place this morning.

Mr Hawke called in his key supporters in Canberra last night. Political insiders say that he has vowed to fight the challenge, despite a surprise claim made by Mr Keating yesterday that in 1988 Mr Hawke promised that he would hand over to him after the federal election last year.

ABC Radio and Television reported that the federal Labor party's main power broker, Senator Graham Richardson, told Mr Hawke at a private meeting yesterday that he could no longer count on a majority in the party caucus if matters came to a vote. The prime minister's office, however, would not confirm what was said at the meeting.

The leadership challenge comes after months of growing speculation that Mr



Keating: claims to have had promise from Hawke

Keating wanted to take over as leader. The deepening public disagreements between the two men, which have seriously damaged the electoral prospects of their party at federal and state level, came to a head with Mr Keating's disclosure about Mr Hawke's pledge to stand down. Mr Keating's office said yesterday that he had insisted on having witnesses to the prime minister's promise, which is said to have been made at his Sydney home late in 1988.

If Mr Keating succeeds, few big political changes are expected. The running of the country – which is suffering its worst economic recession since the Thirties – is already considered to be largely in Mr Keating's hands as Mr Hawke assumes an increasingly retiring and statesmanlike role.

Since that time Mr Keating has appeared as a frustrated figure, as he assumed that the mantle of power would automatically pass to him. However Mr Hawke has repeatedly said that he would not relinquish the leadership of the party before the next election. Mr Keating is understood to have delayed his challenge until now to allow Mr Hawke to claim to be the leader of the country's longest-serving government, a record that he achieved this month.

Mr Keating's economic philosophy owes much to Thatcherite policies of the Eighties, a period when he and Mr Hawke worked closely together to move the Labor party away from its traditional socialist roots.

The treasurer's past jobs included managing a rock band. He is married with four children.



Clan gathering: Senator Edward Kennedy with niece Caroline, daughter of President Kennedy, and her mother Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis at a John F. Kennedy award ceremony in Boston on what would have been JFK's 74th birthday

Mexican drug tsar rules jail from cell

Mexico City – A Mexican prison and its 1,200 inmates are ruled by a drugs baron who lives comfortably in a luxury jail suite protected by 70 armed bodyguards (Andrea Dabrowski writes).

Since members of a second drug gang tried to murder Oliverio Chávez Araujo in a battle that left 18 dead and 30 injured, "Don" Oliverio, better known as the "cocaine tsar", has ruled over Matamoros prison on the Mexican-US border and the authorities have been unable to regain control. In exchange for large sums of money, local authorities allowed Oliverio, aged 30, who has links to the Colombian drug cartels, to continue running his drug routes into America. In turn, he would pay for much of the food given to the 1,200 inmates, so allowing officials to save on the federal budget allotted for the jail's management.

Sentenced to eight years after 1,500lb of cocaine were confiscated in the state of Guerrero last year, Oliverio was also responsible for the installation of services such as water and electricity. He remodelled many of the prison's ancient cells, with 60 getting the luxury treatment of air conditioning, refrigerators, and televisions. His own suite consists of several rooms.

Icy wastes

Wellington – Antarctic scientific stations abandoned by Britain, Chile and Argentina are the most disgusting sites found by Greenpeace, the environmental group said. Corroding fuel drums were leaking into penguins' nests, chemicals spilling into the ecosystem, and sharp-edged metals threatened seals. *(AP)*

Defence cash

Manila – The Philippines will use money paid by the US for keeping on their bases to help buy warships from Europe and fighter aircraft from America. Philippine negotiators said the two countries were close to a new agreement on Clark air base and Subic naval station, perhaps worth £460 million. *(Reuter)*

Cults accused

Lagos – Nigerian police blamed secret societies for violence on university campuses that has killed three people and left 25 injured, and forced the closure of one college. Frank Odita, a police spokesman, declared: "These cults are trying to win members. They are behind the violence." *(Reuter)*

Killer executed

Peking – A farmer in north-west China, Li Xinming, was executed for hacking to death the two sons of an official who punished him for violating strict birth-control rules, the *Xinjiang Legal News* reported. Most Chinese couples are restricted by law to one child. Li had three. *(Reuter)*

Bitter lemons

Moscow – A man in Minsk, the Belorussian capital, has put his friends on a 24-hour watch over a fruit machine that awarded him 999,999 roubles (£99,999 at tourist rates) in what the game's operators say was a mechanical error. Tass said the man is demanding a pay-off from the republic authorities. *(Reuter)*

Party asks Gandhi's widow to fight seat

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

AMID stifling security, the Indian general election campaign resumed yesterday as Rajiv Gandhi's widow, Sonia, received an appeal from the Congress (I) party to contest the former prime minister's constituency of Amethi. If she agrees, it could keep alive a national sympathy wave and improve the party's prospects.

Ten days after Gandhi's assassination, the political scene shows signs of far-reaching realignments that could strengthen Congress, although it must yet face internal upheaval. Many political leaders who abandoned the party because of its domination by a Delhi-based clique are ready to rejoin under a democratic leadership.

A consensus is emerging among centre and left-wing parties that the immediate political objective must be to halt the advance of extremist Hindu revivalist organisations, which play on anti-Muslim feeling. Smaller centre parties appear willing to subsume their identities within a newly democratic Congress in order to unite behind a drive against the Hindu fundamentalists. Even the communists have informally held out the possibility of a post-election understanding.

The hardline Hindu organisation, the Bharatiya Janata Party, is becoming increasingly isolated as differences between centre and left-wing groups narrow. Sensing this mood, it has decided to play down religion during the remainder of the election campaign and focus on stability, saying that only nationalism can hold India together.

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Body language of Hanoi hate

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HANOI

IGOR Korochenkov had perhaps the most delicate job of any of the thousands of Russian specialists working in Vietnam. An expert embalmer, he was responsible for looking after the body of Vietnam's late president, Ho Chi Minh, in its air-conditioned mausoleum in Ba Dinh Square, Hanoi.

The mausoleum, which was modelled on that housing Lenin in Red Square, Moscow, was a gift from the Kremlin in the heyday of Vietnamese-Soviet relations.

It was ironic, given his job, and given the reverence most Vietnamese feel for their late leader, who died in 1969, that the Soviet expert, aged 34, was murdered by a Vietnamese who hated Russians, according to Vietnamese officials here. He died in hospital after being struck by a petrol and chemical bomb, and his body was flown to Moscow for burial. His assailant was later arrested, and Vietnamese officials and Soviet embassy staff say that he was mentally unbalanced. Ordinary Vietnamese wonder, however, whether this was true, given the sophisticated nature of the chemical concoction that was used in the attack.

The murder came at a time of growing Vietnamese-Soviet unease, amid accusations from ordinary Vietnamese that the Soviet Union has let their country down. Moscow ended most of its aid to Vietnam late last year, and told Hanoi that future sales of oil and fertiliser would be at world prices in hard currency – of which the Vietnamese are in short supply.

"There is not a lot of love lost these days between the Soviets and the Vietnamese," a senior Western diplomat said. There have been attacks on Russians and in the street markets in old Hanoi, Russians have been jostled and insulted.

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Soviet envoys to sound out Bush over Western aid

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

A SOVIET delegation will discuss with President Bush today the Kremlin's latest plan to overhaul the Soviet economy as the United States and Britain face pressure from their economic allies to invite President Gorbachev to their annual G7 economic summit this summer.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, set the tone of the Bush administration's response yesterday by saying that the US would not discuss giving aid to the Soviet Union until the country takes irreversible steps towards market-based economic reforms. Despite the wait-and-see approach, Mr Baker said he was satisfied that the Soviet leadership had the "fundamental goal of moving towards a market economy".

His comments were viewed by organisers of the trip to America by Mr Gorbachev's senior economic adviser, Grigori Yavlinsky, as signalling that the best hope for the Soviet leader would be an invitation to attend a satellite session of the July meeting, similar to the dinner organised last year by President Mitterrand of France, for the heads of state of developing countries. Mr Baker's response was seen in Washington as an attempt to placate right-wing hardliners, including conservative economists at influential think-tanks, who think the West should reject outright any Soviet requests for direct aid.

The US has been wary of issuing a full invitation as it considers a Soviet plan for $150 billion (£87 billion) in trade credits and investments from the West over the next five years. Mr Baker's remarks also strengthened the emerging view in the White House that America could make a deal with Moscow if it takes concrete steps toward democratic and economic reforms.

The director of the Central Intelligence Agency, William Webster, forecast yesterday that Mr Gorbachev would keep pressing plans for freer markets but would fail to prevent republics from leaving the Soviet Union. Speaking to reporters on his retirement, Mr Webster said that President Gorbachev's future was "increasingly uncertain" despite a shift in the country in the past weeks towards the paths of glasnost and perestroika.



Street of terror: Spanish police guarding the wreckage of a car in Basauri, near Bilbao, that exploded yesterday, seriously injuring a policeman when he opened the door. A car bomb the previous night, which killed nine people in Vic, near Barcelona, was blamed on Basque separatists

Berlin back on art circuit

From ANNE MCELVOY IN BERLIN

BERLIN yesterday took its first step to recapturing its prewar status as one of the world's main art markets with a sale of important 20th-century German paintings by Sotheby's.

The auction, which included works by Beckmann, Nolde, Schlemmer, Dix and Grosz, is intended to help reestablish the city at the centre of the German cultural scene. Previously, important auctions in Germany have taken place in Cologne and Munich, with Berlin reduced to a minor art market, revolving round private salerooms. Before 1933, Berlin ranked as one of Europe's main art centres. During the Third Reich, many artists and collectors fled into exile taking their paintings with them.

The German expresssionist Max Beckmann's "Tigerlilies" was expected to fetch the highest bid, valued at over DM1.5 million (£500,000). It was painted in Amsterdam, as the artist fled to American exile. Some of the works have come out of secret private collections in the east. Under the communists, taxes on private collections were so high that the holders were frequently forced to sell them to the state. The result was that many owners held clandestine collections and a lively black market in art flourished.

"We now have both buyers and sellers from the former East Germany, " said Josef König, who heads Sotheby's Berlin office, "But we hope that there is still a lot more to come forward."

Outburst by Russian general irks Poles

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

AN outspoken Russian general is at the heart of a Soviet-Polish row which is delaying a summit between Presidents Walesa and Gorbachev.

General Viktor Dubynin, commander of the Soviet army northern group based in Poland, this week denounced the size of Polish claims for financial compensation for damage wrought by the Soviet troops. The blunt remarks, carried in the Soviet daily *Pravda*, confirmed for Poles the general's reputation as the most dangerous Russian west of the River Bug.

Warsaw is insisting on several preconditions for a successful summit, above all the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Polish soil by the end of the year. General Dubynin says it will only be possible to leave Poland at the end of 1993 since troops are needed there to help with the transit of forces withdrawing from Germany.

Bonn left rejects wide role for army

Bremen – The opposition Social Democratic Party has effectively slammed the door on German participation in any future Gulf coalition-type operation. Although divided over whether troops should be allowed to take part in peace-keeping missions for the United Nations, delegates at the party conference in Bremen agreed that the Bundeswehr must never be sent beyond Nato's frontiers to fight (Ian Murray writes).

"We will give no opening for military adventures in the world," said Oskar Lafontaine, the former party leader, to loud applause. Björn Engholm, the new leader, showed great skill in choosing Herr Lafontaine to argue the case for a compromise motion which supported sending the Bundeswehr abroad on peaceful missions under UN command. The oratory and the carefully worded motion prevented a split in the party.

Warfare was no way to settle the world's problems, Herr Lafontaine said. The Gulf war had proved it. He would be happy to contribute to a UN rapid deployment force for environment and humanitarian missions. But, he said, the responsibilities encumbent on the "greater Germany" created by unification did not mean that the constitution should be altered to allow the Bundeswehr to be sent abroad for any kind of military action.

Britain attacks Burma abuses

London – Britain has made its most forceful denunciation yet of human rights violations by the military dictatorship in Burma, which ignored results of free election a year ago to stay in power (Michael Binyon writes).

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, urged members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations to exert influence on the Burmese authorities and called for an arms embargo against the Rangoon regime. He was addressing a meeting in Luxembourg between the European Community and Asean. Mr Hurd added that he was particularly concerned by arms sales to Burma.

Swiss VAT vote

Zurich – Swiss voters are to take part in two referendums on Sunday. One will ask about reforming the fiscal system and introducing value added tax, while the other will discover whether the public thinks that conscientious objectors should be spared from going to prison. *(Reuter)*

Petering out

Moscow – The Soviet practice of removing Bolshevik-era place names took a new turn when Alexander Solzhenitsyn demanded a "real" Russian name for Leningrad. He told Tass that a return to St Petersburg would violate Russian linguistic and historical traditions. *(Reuter)*

Sounding off

Brussels – Some early-morning news bulletins on Belgium's RTBF radio and television company were delayed in a protest against the abolition of the company's orchestra and choirs. *(Reuter)*

Eurocrat exodus set to cost £145m

From TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE flight of 3,300 bureaucrats from their asbestos-riddled home of 20 years will cost at least 100 million ecus (£145 million), the European Commission said yesterday.

Confirming for the first time that the Berlaymont, the symbol of all things Eiropean, will be destroyed in its greatest hour, when the single market begins next year, 1992, the commissioner for administering this pitiful exodus of fine Eurominds admitted the commission now had "a very serious problem" on its hands.

Antonio Cardoso said although commission officials considered a "type of Euro-Brasilia" on the outskirts of Brussels, they had decided that the best option would be to erect a new building on the site of the present Berlaymont. But he had no idea how much the replacement would cost, who would design it – he denied rumours that British architect, Norman Foster, has been chosen – and how long construction would take. "We have to push ahead as quickly as possible," he said.

Senhor Cardoso said the new building would again be rented from the Belgian government, which owns the Berlaymont. Jan Peeters, for the Belgian ministry of works, said that the Brussels regional government has plans for a 20-storey building that would cost 30 billion Belgian francs (£500 million).

Japanese schools win Clarke praise

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

KENNETH Clarke, the secretary of state for education, said yesterday on his fact-finding tour of Japan that the country's education system was the most successful in the developed world.

He was referring to the towering levels of attainment in mathematics and science achieved by the Japanese in international examinations. A peek at a chemistry class in Nishi Toyama lower secondary school was instructive. Teenagers, clearly on their best behaviour, buried their heads in their periodic tables and were reluctant to talk to "the honourable gentleman".

After he had walked on, one pupil, Minoru Urayama, was moved to comment: "He is a bit fat and has a big nose, but he looks quite jolly. Not like our teacher. As soon as you leave, he'll clamp down again. Our classes are just tests, tests and more tests."

Mr Clarke wisely concluded that this aspect of Japanese education would not go down well in British classrooms. Japanese children are packed off to school simply to learn how to pass examinations. Competition to win entry to prestigious schools pushes children to study from dawn until dusk, to wear school uniforms at weekends and to watch only the television programmes recommended for them by their teachers. They are discouraged from asking questions, for this would waste precious memorising minutes, and have no spare time for such fripperies as running and jumping.

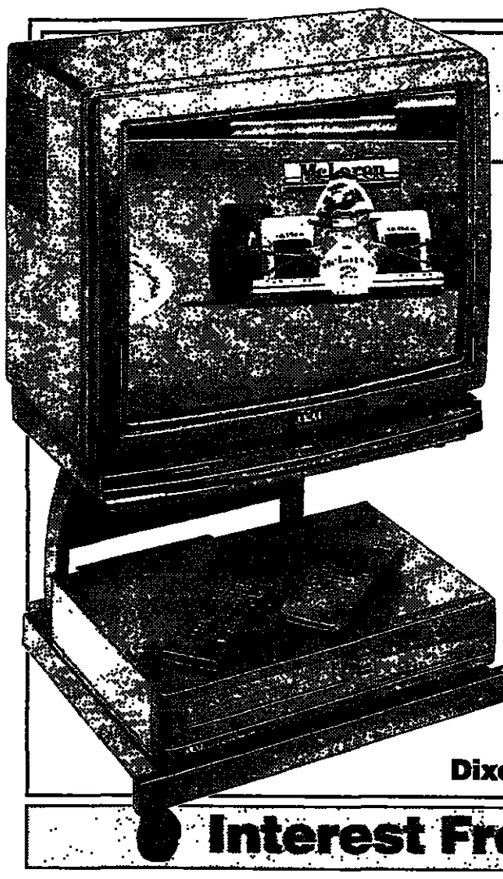
The teaching of foreign languages in Japanese schools is less good, as Mr Clarke, observed yesterday. In an English language class for 15-year-olds, the teacher bowed politely for the education minister, but struggled to produce more than a greeting.

When Mr Clarke attempted to address a pupil, an interpreter had to be called in to translate his question: "Do you understand?"

Japan's system may produce 99.7 per cent literacy levels, with 37 per cent of 18-year-olds going on to tertiary education, but its merits run out when it comes to producing imaginative brains to run the country, say observers.

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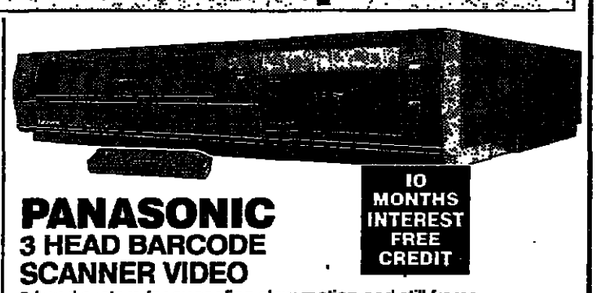
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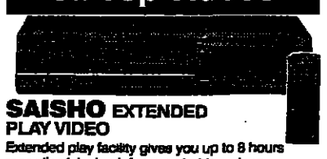
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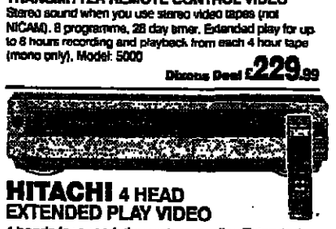
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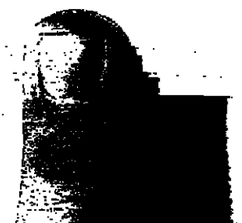


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Cheney follows Bush initiative with arms cash offer to Israelis

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

LESS than 24 hours after President Bush unveiled his Middle East arms control initiative, Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, pledged hundreds of millions of dollars to Israel in additional military funding and hardware.

Following talks in Tel Aviv with his Israeli counterpart, Moshe Arens, Mr Cheney offered Israel ten more F15 fighter jets and promised about $200 million (£115 million) in research money for an Israeli missile system.

"I reaffirmed the absolutely unshakeable commitment to Israeli security and also emphasised the enormous importance the United States places upon the strategic relationship with Israel," said Mr Cheney, whose government gives Israel $1.8 billion (more than £1 billion) in military aid annually.

Israeli sources denied that there was any "contradiction" in the American announcements, arguing that the Arrow missile project was a purely defensive anti-missile system and that the aircraft were not the newest, long-range F15 models. However, Mr Cheney's remarks, coming so soon after President Bush's speech on Wednesday night, when he called for the reduction of sales of conventional weapons to the Middle East and the banning of weapons of mass destruction and surface-to-surface missiles, are bound to fuel suspicions in the Arab world that Washington is intent only on limiting Arab access to modern weaponry.

Even Israel hinted that it might have strong misgivings about its closest ally's arms control plan. Yitzhak Shamir, the prime minister, speaking to a group of visiting British Conservative MPs yesterday, described the American proposal as "very important", but he stopped short of welcoming the proposed weapons cuts.

Mr Arens declared: "We are very carefully studying the president's initiative. Basically, of course, we are very strong supporters of arms control in the area." But he added: "We need to study all the details and we will continue our discussions."

The muted response from Washington's main supporter in the region may disappoint the Bush administration, but it came as little surprise to Israeli observers. Although Israel had advance warning of the details of the White House initiative and President Bush contacted Mr Shamir before he made his speech, the Jewish state is not eager to air its reservations about the plan, particularly while Mr Cheney is visiting the country.

Although Israel would welcome strict control of conventional arms sales to the region, by the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, to limit the purchase of tanks, aircraft and missiles, particularly by Syria, it is extremely reluctant to make any sacrifices regarding its nuclear capability, which it denies even exists.

Israel, the only nuclear power in the region, has consistently aired its misgivings about the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, particularly since the Iraqi government was a signatory at the time that it was trying to acquire nuclear weapons. Similarly, President Bush's proposal to ban ballistic missiles in the region would severely handicap Israel's qualitative edge.



Boldly going: Tamara Jernigan and Millie Hughes-Fulford, two of the seven-strong Columbia space shuttle crew, arriving in Cape Canaveral, Florida, for the launch of the biomedical research mission tomorrow

Powell visits haven troops

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GENERAL Colin Powell, the chairman of the United States joint chiefs of staff, travelled to northern Iraq from Turkey yesterday to inspect allied relief operations for Kurdish refugees.

The general travelled from Ankara to Diyarbakir, on the border, and on to Zakho and Sirsenk where American forces are taking part in Operation Provide Comfort. He was then expected to return to Turkey to visit the Nato base at Incirlik, from where US planes took off during the Gulf war. In Diyarbakir, General Powell praised the operation and said it had successfully, and in a short time, improved conditions for 460,000 refugees.

On his arrival in Turkey on Wednesday, where he held talks with President Ozal and General Dogan Gures, chief of the Turkish general staff, he said that he hoped all the refugees would return to their homes safely.

His discussions covered new Nato strategies, including a plan to set up a rapid reaction force that would include Turkish troops.

Kurds prepare to resume fight

By HAZHIR TEIMOURIAN

KURDISH leaders in northern Iraq said yesterday that they were mobilising their forces in preparation for a possible resumption of hostilities against President Saddam Hussein. The statement followed reports from Baghdad that talks there between the two sides, aimed at giving the Kurds a measure of self-rule, had reached a stalemate over the geographical extent of the proposed autonomous region.

In a telephone interview from his mountain headquarters near Shaqlawa, Jalal Talabani, one of the two most



influential leaders of the Kurds, said the main obstacle now to an autonomy agreement was Baghdad's insistence on classifying the city of Kirkuk and a number of towns as Arab. He said: "This is unacceptable to us. The regime says that these towns are Arab. But the Arabs who live there were mostly not born there. They were taken there by the government to settle in place of Kurdish families it was evicting in order to change the demographic character of the towns."

Mr Talabani said that he and his colleagues in the Kurdistan Front, the umbrella organisation of eight Kurdish guerrilla parties, were mobilising their forces in preparation for the day when "the Iraqi regime might impose another war on us". He was, nevertheless, still hopeful that the dispute might be settled peacefully. "We don't want another war. But we would defend ourselves, and we hope that the regime will decide to be realistic."

Whereas during the first round of talks between the two sides in Baghdad last month, the Kurdish delegation was led by Mr Talabani, the second round has been led by the other co-chairman of the front, Massoud Barzani. The second round has lasted for most of this month. Mr Barzani remains in Baghdad, but his continued presence there appeared forlorn yesterday.

Reports from the region indicate that the Kurdish leaders have told their supporters in the refugee camps inside the safe havens set up by the allies along the border with Turkey not to return to their homes south of the areas for the time being.

In Damascus yesterday, an Iraqi Shia religious leader pleaded with the Kurds to abandon their talks with Baghdad and rejoin the opposition. Ayatollah Muhammad Taqi Mudarressi said that the failure of the talks had shown that "Saddam Hussein was not serious about solving the Kurdish question in Iraq".

Also yesterday, General Colin Powell, the chairman of the United States joint chiefs of staff, flew from Turkey into the Kurdish area of northern Iraq to visit the safe haven.

Defences down in meal queue

From REUTER IN SIRSANK, IRAQ

IRAQI troops guarding President Saddam Hussein's summer palace in the allied security zone are so bored that they play catch with live grenades, and so hungry that they risk beatings by Kurdish refugees in food queues.

The once-dreaded Republican Guards seem dejected, limited to security detail at Saddam's several residences as Kurdish refugees stream past on their way home. British forces in control of the mountainous region near Sirsank, 30 miles south of the Turkish border, say Baghdad has virtually abandoned the palace guards, the only regular Iraqi troops permitted in the coalition zone, by agreement with Baghdad.

A British officer said: "Two of them were so hungry they put on civilian clothes and walked down to a refugee transit camp to queue up for a meal. They were recognised and beaten up very badly by the Kurds. They would have been killed if Royal Marines had not intervened."

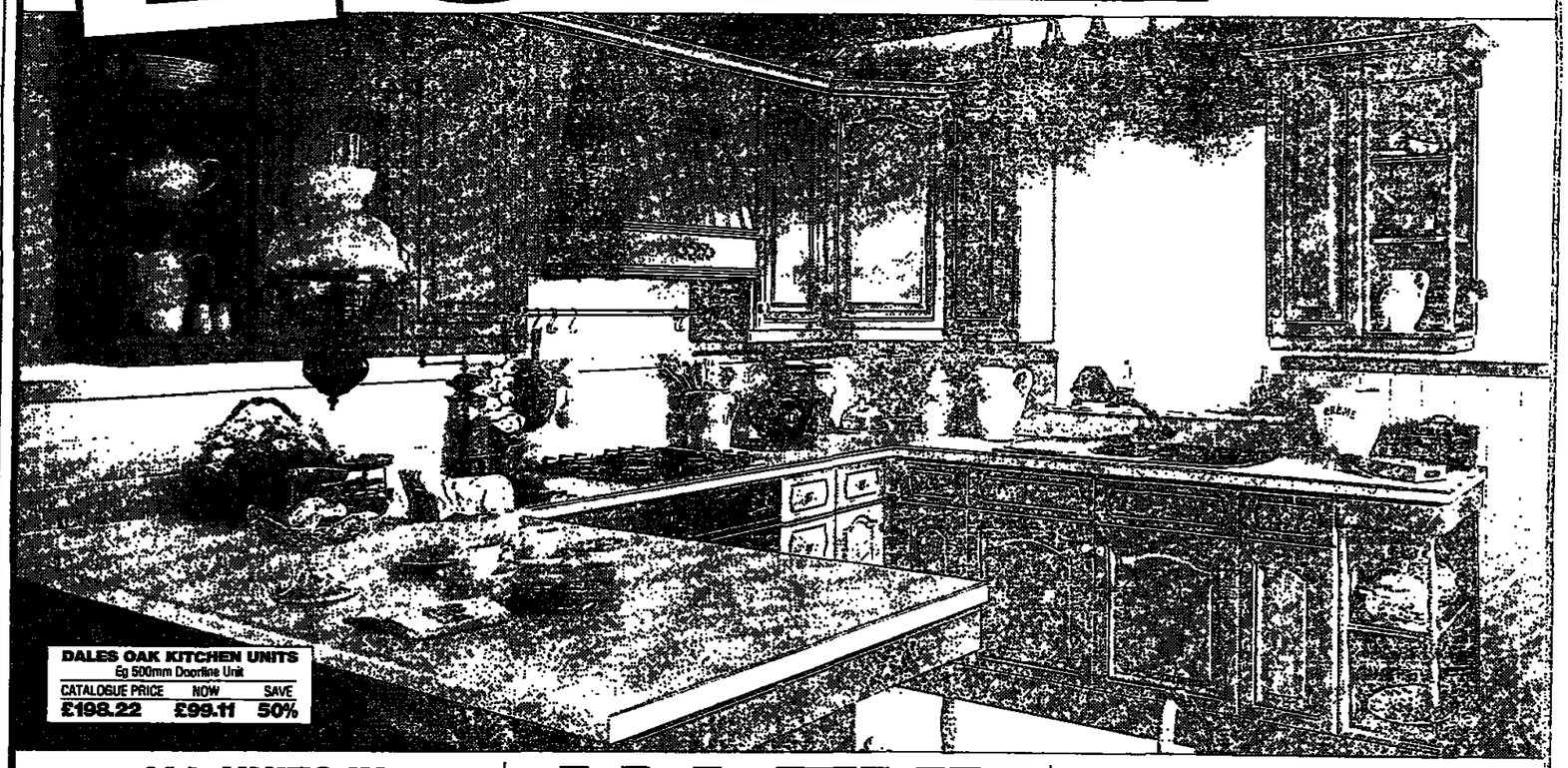
Iraqi soldiers at the sandbagged entrance of one palace rejected a request to tour the walled site. They even denied that the palace had anything to do with Saddam. A Kurdish dentist and a Kurdish member of the Iraqi parliament talked about Saddam's troops. "Of course they cannot say a word to you or let you inside. If they did they would be immediately executed," said one.

On the steep valleys and slopes near Sirsank, thousands of Kurds are reoccupying villages demolished by Iraqi forces in campaigns of enforced resettlement since the 1970s. Eerie ghost villages, some ringed with barbed wire, dot the landscape. "Some of us returning now were in exile for 15 years, often in Iran," said a Kurd in Bermani. That village had expanded from a few dozen to 8,000 people in the past few weeks, a British officer said.

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When most car makers talk about 'safety' they are generally taking pride in their car's ability to withstand a collision.

The 'sitting duck' theory (to use the vernacular) or 'passive safety' (to use the jargon).

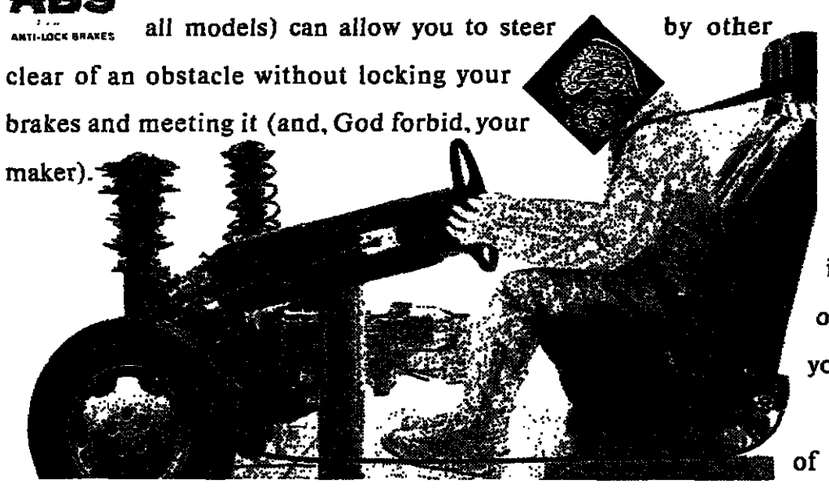
At Audi, we would rather you avoided the accident in the first place.

This is the concept of 'active safety.'

Front-wheel drive, for example, can pull you out of danger rather than push you into it.

The quattro four-wheel drive option can prevent wheel-spin, as well as provide more grip on the road come rain, wind, snow or ice.

While ABS braking (standard on all models) can allow you to steer clear of an obstacle without locking your brakes and meeting it (and, God forbid, your maker).



Getting away from trouble is also as important as stopping before it.

The new Audi 100 2.8E accelerates from 0-60mph in under 8 seconds.

Split-second reactions also prevent accidents.

A tired driver is a dangerous driver so Audi have done everything possible to reduce fatigue and improve concentration.

The new Audi interior is as quiet as a Mercedes dealer after reading the 100's reviews (wind noise, engine noise and road noise have all been reduced).

And the Audi 100's excellent all-round visibility and orthopaedically designed seats are being talked about in hushed tones by other manufacturers.

Despite all these precautions, however, on the road there are still elements beyond Audi's control.

What if one day you come across the feckless or the fool?

Is there a bullet out there with your name on it?

Keep your wits about you.

The worst scenario many people can imagine on the road is a frontal or head-on collision.

These accidents frequently result in head or chest injuries caused by the steering wheel.

Ironically then, in an accident of around 25mph or above, one of the safest things you can do is take the steering wheel away.

Which is exactly what the Procon-Ten safety system on the new Audi 100 (and every other new Audi) does.

The force of the impact moves the engine backwards and downwards along a pre-determined route.

Procon-Ten harnesses this energy to propel the steering wheel into the dashboard within 0.032 of a second.

Out of harm's way.

Within 0.065 of a second (a lot quicker than the blink of an eye) the seat-belts tighten pulling you and your front seat passenger firmly back into your seats.

When it is perfectly excusable to mutter 'Vorsprung durch Technik' under your breath.

The front and rear crumple zones and safety cages (or passenger cells) much trumpeted by other manufacturers have quietly been standard on Audi's since 1974. The new Audi 100 is no exception.

What are exceptional are the new high-absorbency doors with side intrusion bars which reduce the risk of injury no matter which side you're on.

At Audi then, we have made much of the new Audi 100's ability to avoid accidents.

But, should you have one, we have ensured there is quite simply no safer car to be in.

Even the engines think for themselves.

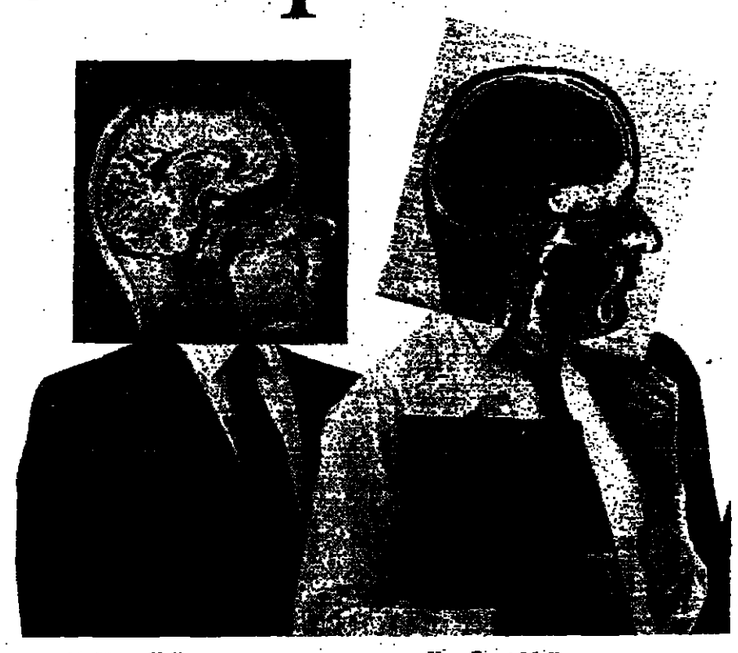
It is not written in any manual (and certainly not in the Audi handbook) that a safe car has to be a boring car.

The new Audi 100's engines are testimony to this.

The completely new V6 which powers the new 100 2.8E is the shortest and lightest engine for its capacity on the market.

Its high torque (or pulling power) at the bottom of the range prompted the respected German car magazine, 'Auto Motor und Sport' to describe driving between 2,000 and 4,000 revs as a 'genuine pleasure' in comparison to the BMW 525i and the Mercedes 260E.

While at higher revs, the same magazine noted that the Audi only takes 12.5 seconds to accelerate from 50 to 75mph in fifth gear on the autobahn while the BMW requires 17.1 seconds and the Mercedes 16.3 seconds.

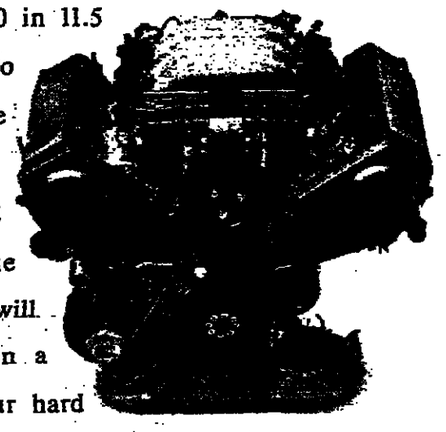


Dr Elmar Vollmer, Head of Safety.

Herr Ernst Muller, Head of Chassis.

The conclusion of this highly respected team was that the Audi surpassed the competitors 'in terms of responsiveness and performance characteristics.'

As, dare we say it, did the tried and tested 5-cylinder 2.3E (0-60 in 11.5 seconds as opposed to 12.1 seconds in the Mercedes).



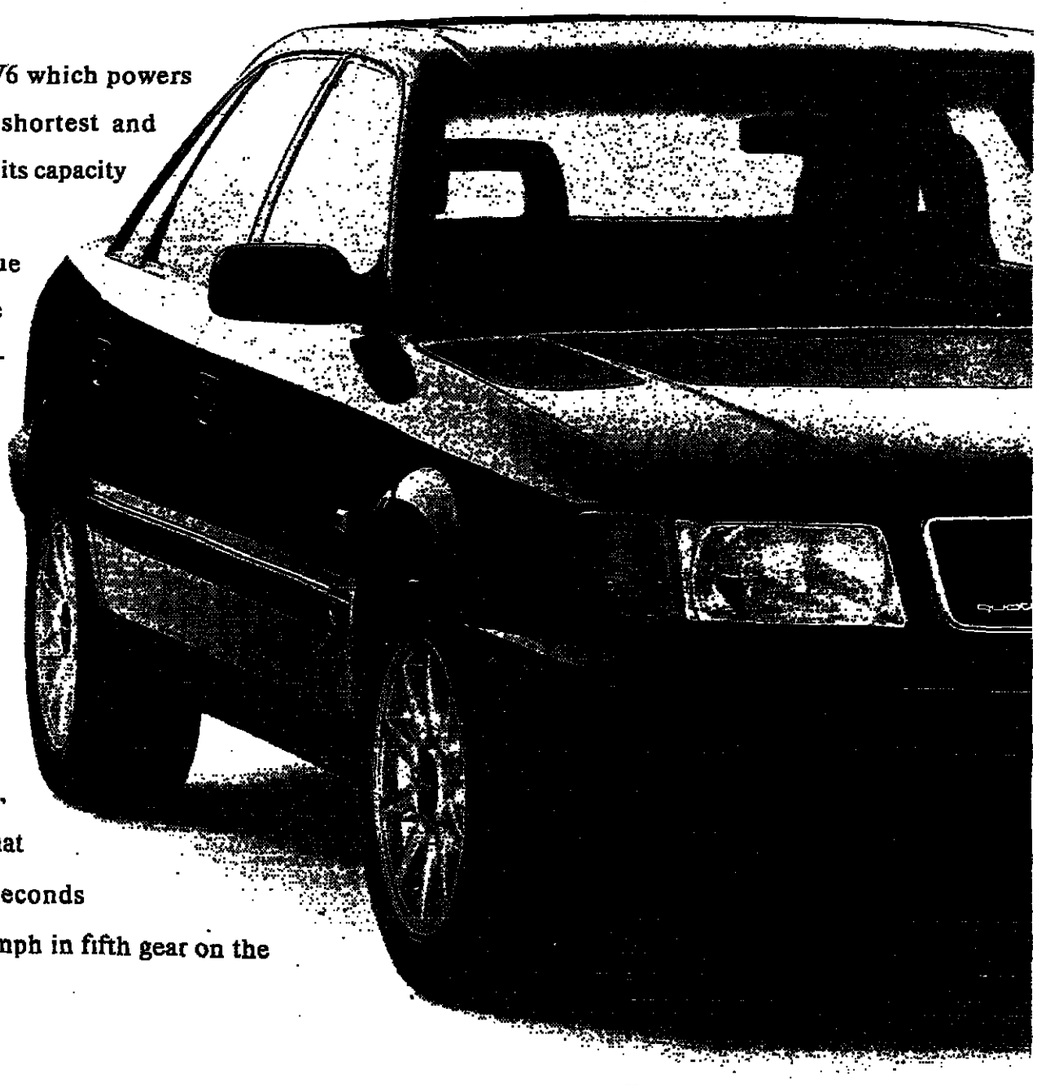
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The size of engine then that suits you bears thinking about.

The V6, however, has a mind of its own.

This engine has on-board diagnostics in the control unit that monitor all the engine's functions continually.

If something is wrong the engine will switch to 'fail-safe' to enable you to get to an Audi workshop.



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heads together to protect yours.



Dr Hans-Werner Polzl, Engine Design.

Herr Hartmut Warkuss, Head of Design.

The engine will then make you aware (through the instrument panel) of the situation.

And advise the mechanic exactly what the problem is.

What it won't do is tell you to have a service very often.

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Audi were also one of the first car manufacturers to recognise that the planet's resources aren't unlimited either.

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We didn't jump on the green bandwagon. We started it.

Audi were, of course, the first manufacturer in the UK to introduce catalytic converters as standard across the range.

These remove up to 95% of toxic pollutants from the car's exhaust.

And at Audi we are constantly developing and improving their effectiveness.

The new V6, for example, feeds the exhaust gases from the left and right cylinder banks into two separate catalytic convertors, each with its own oxygen sensor.

This 'stereo lambda control' had the US authorities dancing for joy as it easily passed their emission tests.

A 'clean' car, however, is worthless if it doesn't come from a 'clean' factory.

All paints and plastics used by Audi are cadmium-free.

All models are free from asbestos.

No CFC gases are used in the foam for the seats.

Even the wood for the dashboard comes from local sources rather than the ever-diminishing rain forests.

The life-span of the car is also as important as the quality of life of the driver. Because when a car 'dies' it has to go somewhere.

Audi is still the only volume car manufacturer to produce fully zinc-galvanised bodies for standard models.

Which is why the new Audi 100 has a 10-year body protection warranty.

And when a car does come to the end of its life, Audi has pioneered a re-cycling programme which will utilise three-quarters of the materials (including, amazingly, a lot of the plastics).

A great deal of thought has gone into the little things.

From the life and death issue of conservation to the little things that make life a bit more comfortable.

As we've already said, a tired, irritable driver is more likely to have an accident.

At Audi, we have improved the new Audi 100's suspension, as there are no such things as good vibrations.

The seats now support both sides of the body (making long distance driving as comfortable as a short hop to the shops). The optional sports seats can even be adjusted for length.

Headroom has been increased (a great relief to the writer of this advertisement whose abnormal height was leading to premature baldness caused by the roof of the old model).

Heating and ventilation (again a source of annoyance to the writer in the old model) have also been improved.

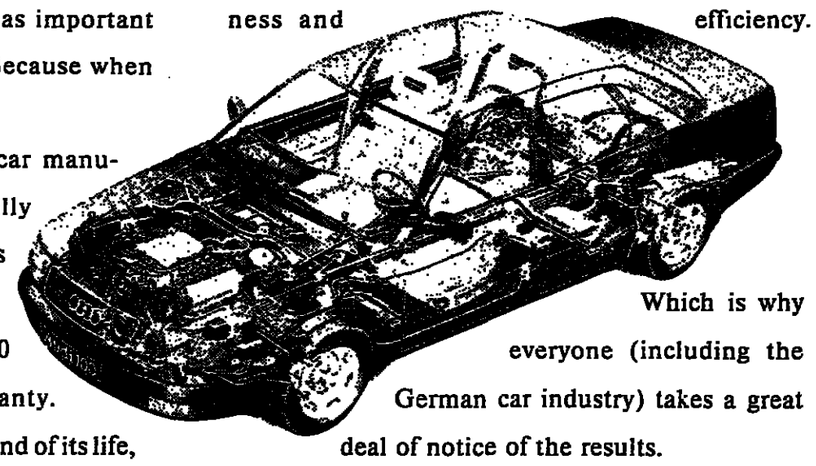
Space is also no longer the final frontier. The interior is roomier. The boot capacious.

The Audi has a 510 litre boot (four large suitcases and hand luggage to you and me) while the BMW 525i has a volume of 460 litres.

And while we're on the subject of comparisons.

In German road tests, great minds thought alike.

As you'd expect, the road tests that German car magazines carry out are noted for their thoroughness and efficiency.



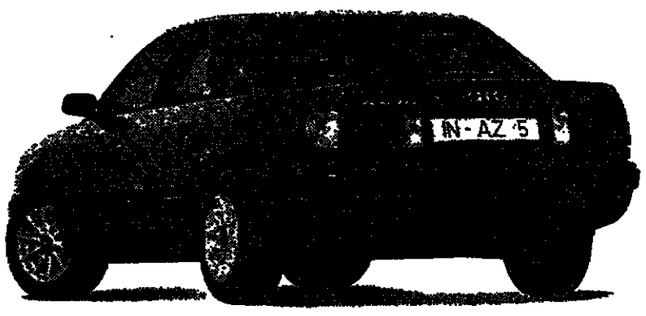
Which is why everyone (including the German car industry) takes a great deal of notice of the results.

The magazine 'Autozeitung' concluded that the Audi 100 2.3E 'in comparability tests takes first place' over the BMW 520i and the Mercedes 230E.

The respected 'Auto Motor und Sport' placed the Audi 100 2.8E top in 4 out of 5 categories tested against the BMW 525i and Mercedes 260E concluding (fairly logically) that 'Audi has succeeded with its new 6-cylinder engine in not just drawing level with the competition, but moving ahead of it.'

In an article titled, 'Audi takes the lead over Mercedes and BMW', the Test Director of 'Autobild' magazine concludes, 'Audi has succeeded in endowing its new 100 with a higher profile for the same overall dimensions. It now appears considerably more compact and easier to handle than before and is significantly more enjoyable to drive. In my opinion, it is a real alternative to the BMW and Mercedes.'

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Teaching from experience

An American grandmother infected with HIV by her dentist has become a celebrity

BARBARA Webb has not given up teaching. she has merely changed her subject: from British Literature to Aids Awareness. The 65-year-old semi-retired school teacher, who lives in Palm City, Florida with her husband Robert, was known to the media from September 11, 1990 to February 1991 as "Patient B", one of the people whom Dr David Acer, a *Jensen Beach, Florida dentist, had* infected with the HIV virus.

Since her public disclosure, Mrs Webb has become a celebrity, appearing on chat shows and in *People* magazine, and recently being filmed for a BBC documentary.

Her only previous claim to fame was a strictly local one: an award three years ago as "teacher of the year" at Martin County high school in Stuart, north of Palm Beach.



'We have to let people know we have it'

Barbara Webb

But when you have been married for 41 years to the same man and have a flock of grandchildren, you are not exactly a typical potential Aids patient.

Two days before Acer died last September, there appeared a full page disclosure addressed to his patients in the *Stuart News*. Many teachers in the system had gone to Acer, as *he was on the school's dental plan.* Kimberly Bergalis had gone to Acer as well, and was making headlines with her contention that she had contracted the virus from him. But Ms Bergalis was looked on by some with scepticism. Aids from one's dentist. Unthinkable.

Yet Mrs Webb went to be tested. "Kimberly Bergalis saved my life," she says. "I've had none of the harassment and grief that she has gone through. Nobody believed her except her attorney [Robert Montgomery of Palm Beach] and her parents. She was young, pretty . . . 'What do you mean she wasn't doing anything?' was the reaction. I don't know whether I believed her so much at the start."

After being tested and discovering she was positive, Mrs Webb kept her condition secret from September to February of 1991. However, the AZT she took to combat the infection had side-effects. She tired easily and finally realised she could not continue to substitute teach, a job she had done continuously since her "retirement". That was when she decided to make her condition public and when her phone began to ring non-stop.

"I was descended upon", she says, "but not in an adversarial way. It was the first time I found out I was not scared to talk in front of something that wasn't a classroom. In fact, I have the tape of that first press conference, which lasted an hour. That was fantastic," *she laughs.* "By *that time I* had talked to Kim on the phone and she said, 'Thank God, there is someone to carry on for me', because she knew she didn't have all that much time left. So Kim was the one who started me out on this really and every time I think, well maybe this is too much, all I have to do *is think of that young* lady and I get my resolve back."

While Ms Bergalis is fighting for her life, Mrs Webb has returned to the classroom at Martin County high school. She has spoken to classes about her experiences and she has done guest readings in Shakespeare and T.S. Eliot for English classes.

"What I tell the kids in class is practise safe sex. Now mine [her infection] didn't happen to be sexually orientated, but *to the kids safe sex is the most* important thing and, as a nation, we have to let people know we have it if we have it."

Mrs Webb favours mandatory testing for HIV. For everyone. "I was shown a test that's being developed that is going to end up costing a buck and can be done in a matter of minutes. But until that halcyon day arrives, I think to protect the health care giver, people should be tested. Anyone who knows should tell everyone, 'Hey, watch it, I'm HIV positive and you'd better be doubly careful'. And you know that most people would be.

"Those five months I stayed in the closet were hard. It's been easier since coming out of the closet. I don't think I could go a through a situation like that again. I can't imagine these poor guys who are homosexuals and spend, some of them, their whole lives in a closet. Nobody should be in a position where he or she has to live a life of total pretence."

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Haile Selassie's great-grandson, Sebastyanos Beyene, talks to Kate Muir about his hopes for Ethiopia

Lion in waiting for a new order

Sebastyanos Beyene, the great-grandson of the Ethiopian emperor Haile Selassie, had waited 17 years in exile for President Mengistu to flee his homeland. But when the news came last week his emotions were mixed; immense pleasure for the people of Ethiopia was combined with fury that the dictator had been allowed to escape without accounting for his atrocities.

A nation had been tortured, repressed and imprisoned for nearly two decades, and on a smaller scale, so had Haile Selassie's descendants. Mengistu, safe with his family and bodyguards on Ian Smith's old ranch in Zimbabwe, was never going to answer the questions boiling up in Mr Beyene's mind. What were the *mysterious circumstances in* which Haile Selassie died? Where was his body secretly buried? Why was his own mother imprisoned for two years? Why were his aunts imprisoned for 14 years, his uncles for 15?

The unanswered questions perforated Mr Beyene's adolescence. He escaped from Addis Ababa *aged 14 in 1974 as the revolution* which deposed his great-grandfather began to rumble. He was sent to boarding school in England while his mother remained under house arrest. Even after she was released, he still desperately missed the other woman who had played a large part in his upbringing, Haile Selassie's daughter Princess Tengnework. "I had one bedroom in her villa, and one in my mother's. We were one big family." She was kept for 13 years in a 15ft by 12ft cell with six other members of the royal family and a colony of rats.

Princess Tengnework was released three years ago, after international threats to withhold aid put pressure on the Mengistu dictatorship. "She is 78 now and living in America, and she is very much alive and well. She came through it all intact. She is as tough as old leather — she has seen both extremes of life. I rang her today and she said: 'So. Are you praying?' "

Mr Beyene can do little else. As a worker for the Ethiopian National Democratic Organisation (ENDO), a coalition of political opposition groups working outside the country, he has been rushing around London all week ringing, talking and trying to raise money. But it is frustrating not to be with the action in Addis Ababa. He can only sit here and hope that the wobbly collection of rebel groups now charged with setting up a transitional government will manage to complete their task.

He wants the ENDO, which includes exiles in both America and Britain, to take part in the transition. "We have always fought Mengistu from outside with the pen and not the sword. I don't see the point in a policy that involves killing other Ethiopians, whatever side they are on." His campaigns included lobbying congressmen in America, trying to introduce a bill which removed Ethiopia from a list of America's most favoured trading partners, taking on speaking engagements, and working with the Ethiopian Refugees Relief Society in Sudan.

Mr Beyene's obsession with freeing his homeland became all-consuming two years ago, after an attempted coup against President Mengistu indicated that many officers were turning against him. The severed head of the coup leader was paraded through the streets. Other officers were mown down by tanks, or burnt alive. But soon after that, the dictator's attitude began to change. "I knew he was losing his grip when he began to lose certain murderous qualities, when he began to allow even the tiniest bit of opposition."

So Mr Beyene left his job as a stockbroker in a small City firm and threw himself into campaigning full-time. How all this is financed is not entirely clear, although the emperor's descendants say any suggestion that he had millions stashed in Swiss bank was "a smear campaign" by the Mengistu government.

Pinning down exactly what Mr Beyene is, is rather difficult. He has a way of answering questions that precludes further prying. A royal dismissiveness perhaps. Ask him who paid his school fees, and he says: "The Aga Khan Foundation." Ask him who finances his campaigning lifestyle and he says: "We've had a lot of donations." The interview takes place in a friend's luxurious flat off the King's Road in Chelsea. His own flat is "too full of people". And is the woman with him, whose father died at the time of the revolution, a "good friend" as he claims, or a girlfriend?

His smart clothes have the incongruous addition of a pair of tan suede cowboy boots, an indication of the time when he was a student at the University of California. For a while there, he put Ethiopia to the back of his mind and studied other people's politics. "You've got to live sometimes. It may have left my mind but it never left my soul," he says. But now, aged 31, he feels more responsible. He would like to see the return of a constitutional monarchy to Ethiopia, certainly not the feudal dictatorship which his great-grandfather favoured. "I think the people should be allowed a referendum to decide whether they want the royal family to return. Spiritually, it might help to bring the country together."

Self-interest does not dictate this. Mr Beyene is well down the line to the throne, and the heir is Haile Selassie's son Asfa Wossen, aged 75, who lives in Washington DC. "Since I am not directly in line, I can be more active in the new political movements." He intends to return to Addis Ababa in July, once the interim government is set up.

There are still fears among the exiles — 10,000 in London, 200,000 in the United States — that a country which has suffered 30 years of strife and division will never find calm. Mr Beyene expects the forthcoming referendum to give Eritreans the choice between federation or independence to remain a big stumbling block. "Liberation and secession are not the same thing, you know. I can see a federal Eritrea working, *but independence? No.*"

There are about 20 political movements, each a packed can of worms. Even the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF) — which seems to have all the right adjectives in its title, and was encouraged by the Americans to take over Addis Ababa this week — is largely controlled by the Tigrean People's Liberation Front. And their core, Mr Beyene points out, is the Marxist Leninist League of Tigré. "A situation not without its problems if you are building a democracy."

Mr Beyene is placing his hopes for the creation of a democratic Ethiopia on the Orthodox church, and the return of the royal family, as well as rebels-turned-politicians. Clearly, he cannot forget his connections back to the man who modestly described himself as Elect of God, the Conquering *Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the* Emperor of Abyssinia, and the King of Kings. "Presidents and prime ministers are fairly new phenomena. Kings and queens date from the Bible."

TIM BISHOP



Looking forward to going home after 17 years: Sebastyanos Beyene with a portrait of Haile Selassie

'We have always fought with the pen and not the sword. I don't see the point in killing other Ethiopians'

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This is still a man's world — as long as he is anxious and disorientated

Sheltered by women's skirts

In a way I miss my foreskin," writes a freshly snipped Gary Marco in an achingly earnest account of his voluntary circumcision. His story appears in the latest issue of the bi-annual magazine *Achilles Heel*, a forum for "pro-feminist" men to discuss the growing pains of the modern male. As its name suggests, the magazine's content is a heart-rending catalogue of male vulnerabilities — male rape, vasectomies, boyhood hang-ups. Since its inception in 1978, *Achilles Heel* has revealed a rarer breed of heterosexual man: anxious, *disorientated*, searching for a role in a post-feminist world.

Mick Cooper, one of *Achilles Heel*'s editors, believes masculinity is the issue of the Nineties. He appears as a "new" man in *From Wimps to Warriors*, a new BBC series, starting this month, which attempts to dissect that vague concept. The six programmes document the confessions of a spectrum of men from the *unreconstructed man's man to* the thoughtful, sensitive type.

Mr Cooper is in the latter category. He feels that a wane in the feminist movement has left a gap in which "anti-sexist" men such as himself are grappling for a new role. "Men are struggling for an identity," he says. "They want something to call themselves."

The media never tire of new definitions of what maketh the modern man. Men's magazines such as *Arena* have come up with the New Lad: a hybrid of the old roll-on, roll-off bloke and the new right-on type who is convincingly reformed with women but still enjoys talking football over a pint with his mates.

Achilles Heel makes the reformist aspirations of men's magazines look like the drunken scribblings of a football supporter. Scattered among dense essays about "The Crisis of Fatherhood" and "Beyond the New Man" are notices for men's assertiveness classes and support groups (including an advertisement for "Man's World: the game that helps you think about being a man").

Many women might consider this emotional out-pouring as another male bid for centre-stage. But unlike consciousness-raising women's groups, which are often equally inward looking, *Achilles Heel* is a message without a movement. The "anti-sexist man" still clings parasitically to the women's cause for any meaning. I found a copy, tellingly, on the bottom shelf of a women's bookshop.



Mick Cooper

Despite printing articles which would make many squirm, *Achilles Heel* trashes the notion that men cannot handle the language of emotion. Penny Woolcock, one of the directors of *From Wimps to Warriors*, was surprised by the eagerness of men to open up a Pandora's box of their insecurities for the camera.

"It's a myth about masculinity being fixed and natural," she says. "Men seem as precarious, messy, fluctuating and vulnerable as women."

One of the programmes, "A Nice Bit of Skirt", records the responses to women's liberation by men of three different generations, Mr Cooper being the youngest. The programme owes its title to a research physicist in his fifties called George who believes that the feminist movement, among other ills, is to blame for poisoning people against the notion of man as father and carer.

George has been going to work in a skirt for six years to make a small point about feminine liberty. "If you don't have the freedom to choose what you wear," he argues, "it would be impossible to get freedom in other more important things."

Although easy to dismiss as an old school misogynist, George represents one side of the new battle lines being drawn up between men. In one trench are the men of *Achilles Heel* who march to the tune of feminism. In the other are groups such as Families Need Fathers, who argue that the legal habit of awarding custody to mothers is sexist, and an example of how the women's movement has marginalised certain men.

The title of the BBC series seems to confirm this polarisation. Yet the testimonies of some of the men featured in the programmes make neat tags look woefully simplistic. Even if masculinity is not the issue of the Nineties, it would still be refreshing to avoid another decade of smug definitions.

"Rather than having a new ideal, men must struggle to accept the contradictions in themselves," Mr Cooper says. "It's a very male thing to want an easy answer."

ANDREW MARSHALL

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● From Wimps to Warriors *begins on Tuesday, June 11 on BBC2 at 9.50pm.*

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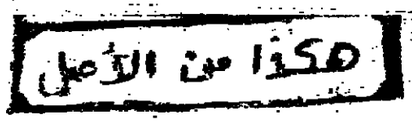
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BRIEFING

Dancing again

VANESSA Redgrave will step back 22 years this August. She will once again portray the dancer Isadora Duncan, as she did memorably in Karel Reisz's 1969 film *The Loves of Isadora*. This time, however, Redgrave will be on a West End stage, in Martin Sherman's *When She Danced*. The politically active actress became available to do the play, which was first seen on the fringe with Sheila Gish as Isadora, when her American tour of *Lettice and Lovage* was cancelled.

Triple reed

TO COMMISSION one saxophone concerto is a rare thing; to commission three at the same time must be unique. That is what the Bournemouth Sinfonietta has done, for Britain's leading classical saxophonist John Harle to perform and then to record. The composers are Mike Westbrook, Gavin Bryars and Michael Nyman, and the works are to be premiered in July. Also on the way is a percussion concerto for the deaf percussion virtuoso Evelyn Glennie, composed by Dominic Muldowney and due in October.

Last chance...

STEPHEN Jefferies, as Rostand's poetic hero, *Cyrano*, turns in a finely drawn characterisation that blends humour, pathos and tragedy in Covent Garden's newest full-length ballet. Although David Bintley's work fails to capture the play's passion, the production, with Lesley Collier as Roxane, nevertheless provides a showcase for two of the Royal Ballet's finest artists. Final performance at the Royal Opera House (071-240 1066) tomorrow.

New York Galleries: the Annenberg past masters show up present pretensions, says **John Russell Taylor**

Another bonfire's worth of vanities?

If "Metropolis" in Berlin is designed to tell the world what will be at the leading edge in the art of the Nineties, the Whitney Biennial has a similar, but more locally-focused aim: it concentrates on art in the United States, and presumably for only two years at a time. The two shows have been bracketed this year, partly because the New York show is bigger and more ambitious than ever before. Unfortunately, the current expansion over all five floors of the Whitney Museum serves mainly to demonstrate that more is less.

A hundred artists – not only painters and sculptors, but photographers and people working in film and video – are represented, and the selectors (four Whitney curators assisted by seven regional advisors, to avoid earlier charges of New York bias) have certainly summoned a virtual who's who of American art today. Any show that can boast new work by Jasper Johns, Elsworth Kelly, Lichtenstein, Rauschenberg, Stella and Twombley among the seniors, and a grab-bag of fashionable figures as various as Schnabel and Salle, Cindy Sherman and Keith Haring, is clearly not doing too badly. On the other hand, names alone do not make a show: the work has to live up to the reputations, and preferably improve on them.

The collection radiates a comforting feeling of money spent

In the event, most of the established figures have settled for the mixture as before, or moved cheerily over into self-parody or into throwing found objects together and defying the world not to recognise a master's hand at work in their arrangement. If there is a dominant trend here, it is towards a kitsch culture. Artists of every generation are too ready to scatter their works with spangles and glitter (though not Stella, who has been doing that a lot of late and seems now to have moved into a crumpled tin-can phase).

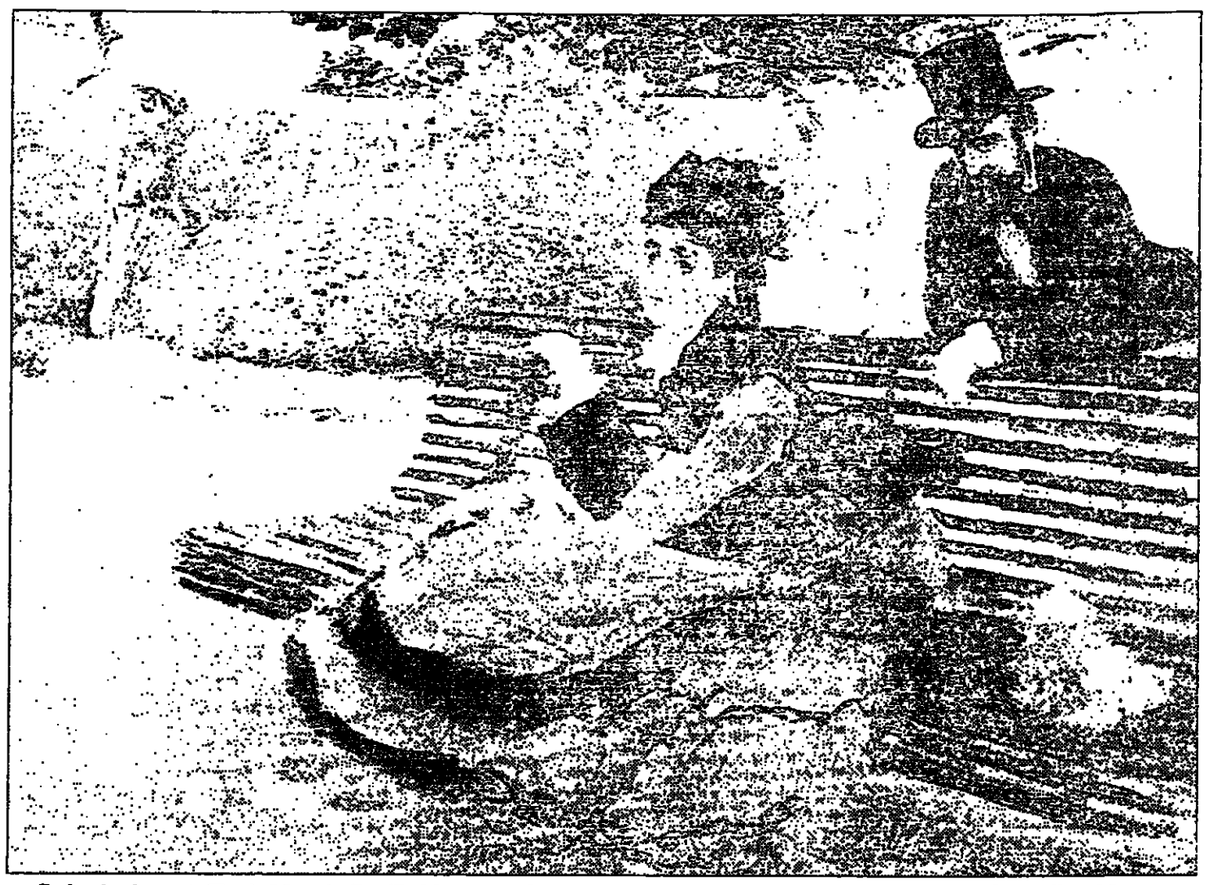
A high proportion of the exhibits are based on other art: paraphrasing, parodying or paying homage. It is seldom possible to tell for sure which description is applicable in any particular case. That is disturbing, not because art should be unambiguous, but because here the general impression is of artists unwilling to stand behind what they are doing. Find deep significance in it and they will agree; dismiss it as a bad joke and they will wink and say they meant it that way all along.

At least Christian Marclay's *Bone Yard*, made of 750 cast hydrostone telephones randomly scattered, is both serious and funny. Pat Steir's white-on-black waterfall paintings are much as usual, but still beautiful. Alan Rath's *Magic Mushrooms* is not much more than the acceptable face of dancing Coke cans, but it is memorably odd. But by and large, the "Biennial" suggests art at the end of its tether, fiddling at the Bonfire of the Vanities.

As so often, some kind of reassurance is at hand, over at the Metropolitan. The usual bouquet of miscellaneous exhibitions, large and small, is bound to produce something for almost any taste – except, of course, that for art bang up to the minute. But dull would they be who could pass by such civilised pleasures as **The Annenberg Collection**, or **Eugène Delacroix from North American Collections** or **The Sculpture of Indonesia**.

The Annenberg Collection has, understandably, been grabbing most of the headlines as "the billion-dollar bequest". The arithmetic may be accurate, for between the early Fifties, when Walter H. Annenberg began collecting, and March this year, when he announced his intention of leaving 53 paintings and drawings to the already well-endowed Metropolitan, he had undoubtedly put together a truly astounding assemblage of major Impressionists and Post-Impressionists.

Central works such as Picasso's *At the Lapin Agile* alternate with curiously aberrant paintings such as Monet's *Camille Monet on a Garden Bench*, in many ways so like Manet. The collection as a whole radiates that comforting feeling of much money unstintingly spent and superior taste somewhere in evidence. Perhaps anybody with enough money could do the same, but it is still difficult to identify an absolutely grade one Van Gogh or Cézanne, and the Annenbergs (or their advisers) have managed consistently to be spot on.



Curiously aberrant: Claude Monet's *Camille Monet on a Garden Bench*, from the Annenberg Collection, at the Metropolitan Museum

The Delacroix show consists mainly of small works: drawings and watercolours, small studies or miniature replicas of famous paintings. That possibly makes it sound like small beer. But compared with the huge show of giant Delacroix in Zurich four years back, this comes as a relief.

Somehow the full-scale versions of the famous pictures too often seem constrained and mechanical in execution, while the drawings and studies allow the artist to retain his spontaneity. This might even be said of the small version of *The Death of Sardanapalus* from Philadelphia, while the Metropolitan's *Abduction of Rebecca* has had wonders done by recent cleaning.

As to the Indonesian sculpture, it is difficult to imagine any single visitor liking it all or detesting it all. Through the centuries the styles change so dramatically, under the influence of one religion or another, that the most spare and elegant Buddhist works may be found next to the hideously ornate images of other local religions.

A local peculiarity is that the making of cult images in metal suddenly died out in the 10th century, so that all later images were carved, while the metal-workers concentrated on temple bells, lamps and other objects connected with religion. Consequently, the invention poured into such things is phenomenal, and their abstract qualities are often easier to appreciate. But this first big international exhibition devoted to sculpture of this area is the kind that American museums do so well, defining a hitherto obscure field for generations to come.

Biennial Whitney Museum of American Art, 945 Madison Avenue (212-570 3633) until June 16 (second floor, film/video), June 23 (fourth floor, lobby gallery), June 30 (third floor, lower gallery).

The Annenberg Collection/Eugène Delacroix from North American Collections/The Sculpture of Indonesia. Metropolitan Museum of Art, 5th Avenue at 82nd Street (212-879 5500), until October 13 (Annenberg), June 16 (Delacroix), August 18 (Indonesia).

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RECORDS: ROCK

Larks with likely lads

ONE of those conspicuous men-of-the-people groups, The Wonder Stuff maintain an apparently casual attitude while actually keeping a close eye on the ball. Now on to their third album – Never Loved Elvis – and soon to be headlining a minor stadium event, the boys from the Black Country have risen effortlessly above the recent wave of Mancunian competition without so much as a nod towards the pervasive vogue for harnessing modern indie-rock to a blippy dance-floor pulse.

Instead, on *Never Loved Elvis* they have imported some instant folk roots, courtesy of Martin Bell – an old colleague now recruited full-time – who plays fiddle, mandolin and accordion, and producer Mick Glossop, whose clients include such Celtically-inclined roustabouts as Van Morrison and the Waterboys.

The Wonder Stuff: Never Loved Elvis (Polydor 847252-2)
Stevie Wonder: Music from the Movie Jungle Fever (Motown ZK 72750)

This is not an entirely comfortable affectation, and they sometimes sound like a puppy mucking about in a cupboard of saucepans. With its clatter of drums, jiggling accordion and nervously sawing fiddle "Welcome to the Cheap Seats" is typical.

The lyrics, reproduced on the CD insert, together with vocalist Miles Hunt's cringe-inducing explanations of when and why they were written, are either childishly spiteful or needlessly self-absorbed.

Even so, their recent hit "The Size of a Cow" remains a lively, good-natured romp, and "Donation", spurred on by eerie sirens and a churning wah-wah guitar, is one of the few tracks that sounds as if it is something more than an elaborate lark.



Stevie Wonder: titanic presence, few recent hits

Spike Lee's films are not renowned for the emollient quality of either their subject matter or soundtracks, so the batch of typically suave Stevie Wonder performances which comprise **Music from the Movie Jungle Fever** will lend Lee's latest venture a persuasive mainstream cachet.

Yet by Wonder's standards it is a relatively cheap and cheerful production – some nice love songs and one heavy drug alert ("Chemical Love") all neatly knocked together with the instruments played mostly by Wonder himself.

Such is his titanic presence that it is easy to forget that Wonder has not made or sold many records recently. His last album, *Characters* (1987), failed to reach the Top 30. Whether this association will bring him to the attention of the hip, young audiences of today is a moot point, but it will certainly do him no harm.

DAVID SINCLAIR

ROCK NEWS

● **Will Sinnott**, bassist and computer engineer of techno-psychedelic duo the **Shamen**, drowned in a swimming accident off the coast of the island of Gomera in the Canaries on Thursday May 23. One of the first rock acts fully to involve themselves in Acid House music, the Shamen made controversial club music with a commercial edge. Last year's album, *En-Tact* is still in the indie charts and they enjoyed their first major hit earlier this year with the single "Hyperreal".

● **Simple Minds** announce dates at Manchester City Football Ground (061 273 3775) August 10; SECC, Glasgow (041 227 5511) August 12; Aberdeen Exhibition & Conference Centre (0224 641122) August 14, 15; Gateshead International Stadium (091 478 5555) August 17; Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) August 20, 21, 22; Milton Keynes Bowl (0602 483456) August 24.

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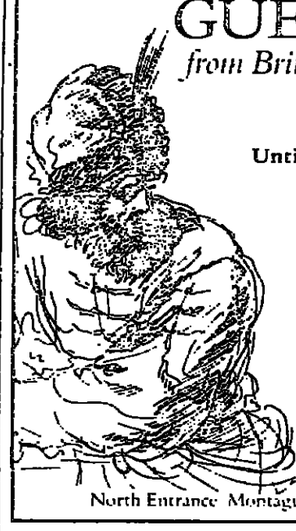
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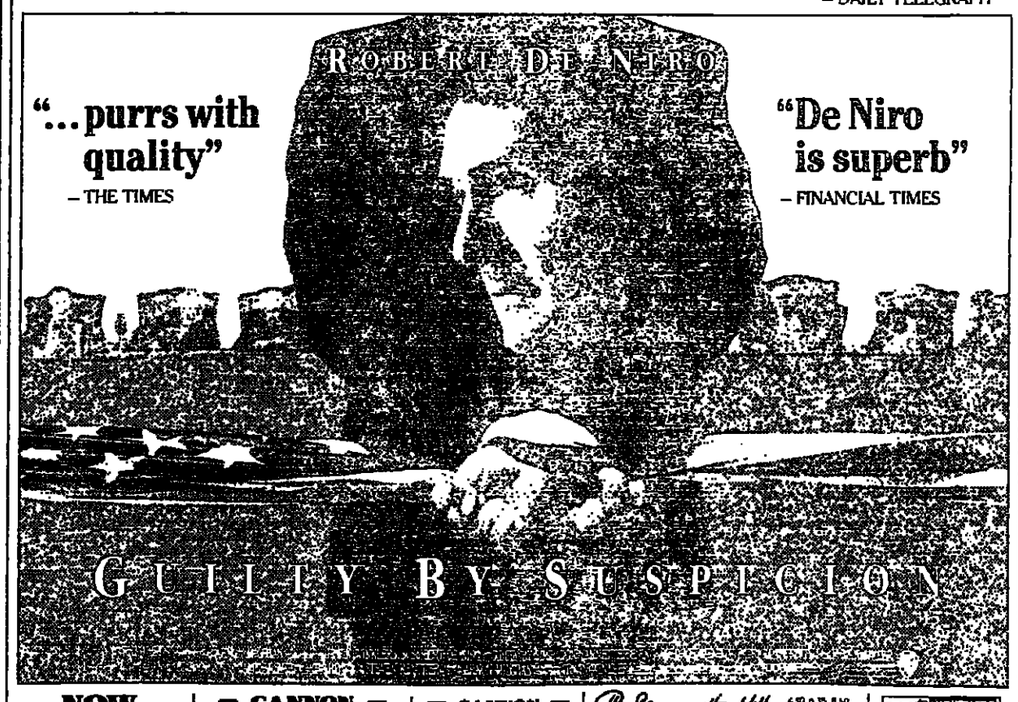
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Invective must be inventive

Philip Howard

We live in an age of profanity, but not of invective. The air of public and private life, and of the airwaves, is purple with nasty little words which until a few years ago were heard only furtively in changing-rooms, staff common rooms and other macho playgrounds. But there are few people around who take the trouble to construct an elegant, witty, literate insult.

It used to be a particularly English art to be able to make calm, urbane observations that revealed a hidden insult, the donnish smiler with the knife. But in our age of conviction politics (ie regression to barbarism), how many politicians can you think of capable of understanding invective, let alone uttering it? Michael Foot? Julian Critchley? A few in journalism, perhaps. None at all in television and radio, lands of instant first names and brown noses, pretending that everybody in the garden is lovely.

The best insults are cold and cerebral, not hot and emotional, and they tend to be made by old-fashioned dons. For example, at Cambridge, Henry Sidgwick remarked of Richard Jebb: "All the time that he can spare from the adornment of his person, he devotes to the neglect of his duties."

True invective should have twists and chicanes, and a terrible pause at the end as it sinks in. It needs to be funny. Margot Asquith was a star at it. "Lord Birkenhead is very clever, but sometimes his brains go to his head." "If Kitchener is not a great man, he is, at least, a great poster."

It is a cliché that Jews rarely swear or go in for the macho Anglo-Saxon tetragrammata, but are brilliant at invective and ingenious cursing: may your insides churn like a music box; may all his teeth fall out . . . except one (so he can have a permanent toothache). Leo Rosten, maestro of Yinglish, tells my favourite tale of cursing.

Cecil (né Sidney) B. de Millstein was finishing his spectacular *The Triumph of King David*. On the desert near Beersheba three high towers had been erected, each crowned with cameras, cameramen, and sound equipment. These towers plus his own were de Millstein's way of ensuring that the climactic scene, a battle using 3,000 extras, 400 camels, 2,000 spears, etc., would be filmed from every angle. "Action!" called de Millstein over the loudspeakers. And what action there was. Never had filmic battle raged so convincingly. When, after 15 uninterrupted minutes of mayhem, de Millstein cried "Cut!" the crews burst into cheers.

Into his telephone to Tower 1, Cecil B. de Millstein barked: "You got it all, Moshe?" An anguished voice replied: "Our power went off. We couldn't shoot a single frame." "May the Lord plant beets in your stomach. May the doctors name a disease after you!" shouted de Millstein. He flipped his intercom to Tower 2. "Chaim! You caught it all?" "Mr de Millstein, please don't get mad. The cameraman forgot to reload. I ran out of film after three minutes." "Idiot! Murderer! May your tapeworm develop constipation." De Millstein snapped to Tower 3. "Sol? Sol?" "Mr de Millstein, never was there such a scene. You are a genius." "Okay. rush the film to the lab." "The film?"echoed Sol. "I thought it was a rehearsal."

"Moron!" roared de Millstein. "May trolley cars invade your stomach. May the moyl circumcise your first son and throw away the wrong piece." The great de Millstein slammed down the phone, and turned to his own cameraman. "Thank God, you're here, Nate. I'm sure everything was OK with our setup." "Absolutely!" chortled Nate. "Enough film in the camera?" "Plenty, boss!" "The sound okay?" "The sound is perfect." "Thank God." "We're ready whenever you are, Mr de Millstein."

Professionals and tycoons greedy for more money are playing the same irresponsible game, says **Janet Daley**

Putting price before pride

How much do you need to be paid to stop you mistreating a child? How much do you need to be paid to run a company?

Social services directors are now telling us that the cruel victimisation of children in local authority homes is a result of their being "under-resourced". Until social workers in residential care are better paid, they say, there is little hope of improvement.

Head teachers protest that poor reading standards are not the fault of schools: they need "more resources" if they are to cope with children who have not been introduced to books at home. David Hart, chairman of the Association of Head Teachers, complained in shocked tones this week that teachers were now being expected to teach children to read "from scratch". To meet this challenge, they apparently require unprecedented levels of incentives and financial support.

Any criticism of a public service, it seems, can be translated into a demand for more funding. Nothing is anybody's fault: if people are underperforming, they must, by definition, be underpaid. We cannot make even minimal demands of professional groups — that those caring for children treat them decently or that teachers provide elementary skills — without being presented with a bill.

At the other end of the spectrum, Mick Newmarch, Prudential Corporation's chief executive, and Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor of the Bank of England, are anxious to persuade us that without grotesquely high salaries, they would be unable to carry on in their jobs. Mr Leigh-Pemberton's apologists claim that he must have financial rewards which match those available in commercial life — only to be embarrassed by Lord King of British Airways and Maurice Saatchi, who have taken voluntary pay cuts.

What motivates an already wealthy man to take a job? Influence and prestige, or even the old-fashioned notion of a duty which arises from privilege, must come into his calculations.

At the other end of the spectrum, those who are failing to meet basic professional obligations feel that a legitimate reply to this charge is that they are not paid enough. In the case of critical social services, the cry of "not enough money" begins to sound like blackmail. There can be only two interpretations of the claim that paying residential social workers more will cause them to treat children better. The first is that they are taking out their frustrations over low pay on their captives, and are willing to desist only if we offer them more.



With business bad, Lord King (left) and Saatchi (right) are taking voluntary pay cuts. Newmarch is to get a 43 per cent increase

The other is that by increasing salaries we will attract a higher calibre of staff, from which we may presumably conclude that those now employed are stupid and brutal but are all that we can afford. I do not believe either of these propositions.

Can spokesmen for these groups not see how incriminating this line of defence is? By refusing to consider any issue other than money, they are discrediting their own professional bodies. By the same logic, high-ranking executives who equate the value of their positions purely with pay are implying that eminence and authority count for nothing.

Attempts to deflect the most serious criticisms being hurled at teachers and social workers by blaming every deficiency on lack of funding run counter to common sense. The public can judge easily enough which educational problems really can be solved by more money (higher pay for science and maths teachers to woo them from industry) and which others can not (the purblind commitment to nonsensical reading theories).

To maintain that staff in homes need to be trained not to torture children is absurd. This is a problem of employment policy by social service departments, of inspection and of professional practice being open to public scrutiny. Demands for more money may only obscure the questions that urgently need to be asked about what is going wrong.

What is at the heart of the unease about social work and education is the suspicion that professions with enormous power over people's lives have become impregnable empires of influence. There is a telling parallel between the enclosed, self-referring nature of fashionable dogma in social work and in education. When public services are subject only to their own inspection and surveillance, they can too easily run amok. Pouring greater and greater resources into them without building public accountability into the system is an evasion of responsibility and may well compound all our existing problems.

Oddly enough, isolation plays a part in the top-pay furore as well. Men like Robin Leigh-Pemberton can be remarkably out of touch with the sensibilities of people who actually need to work for a living. It is probably significant that Lord King and the Saatchi brothers, all self-made, are more sensitive to the impact their pay is likely to have on their employees and the world at large.

People do not work solely for money, as Mr Leigh-Pemberton must know, but a good many people make careers out of demanding "more resources".

Social workers get a wigging

A clash of cultures is inevitable when lawyers sit in judgment in cases like pindown, says **Daniel Johnson**



Blom-Cooper: campaigner



Government acts after Butler-Sloss inquiry blames all agencies



Levy: right credentials

Pindown has once again afforded the public the spectacle of a distinguished lawyer passing judgment on social workers. Not that the lawyer can be accused of ignorance of social work. Allan Levy QC, whose damning report on Staffordshire residential homes for children in care was published yesterday, is a leading authority on wardship, custody and adoption. He also has a record of working with social workers in court. In the notorious Sharon Campbell case, in which a mentally disturbed woman killed the young Lewisham social worker assigned to her case, Mr Levy defended those responsible in court. Friends know him as a kindly man who is almost too soft-hearted towards the social workers he deals with daily.

Nor is the 49-year-old Mr Levy a barrister whose age, education (Bury Grammar School and Hull University), class and regional background could be held to disqualify him from giving a fair hearing to social workers in a place like Staffordshire, where only 5 per cent of residential staff have formal training, many are young and most earn £10,000 a year or less. Mr Levy's co-author, Barbara Kahan, is not only chairman of the National Children's Bureau, but a former director of Oxfordshire social services and is widely respected by social workers.

Louis Blom-Cooper and Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, the authors of the reports of the late 1980s on the Jasmine Beckford and Cleveland cases, are both older and grander figures in their profession. Mr Blom-Cooper is the former head of the Press Council and a leading liberal campaigner, while Dame Butler-Sloss is not only herself the first female lord justice of appeal, but the daughter of a famous lawyer and sister of a Lord Chancellor. Both, however, have connections with the care of children and social work which go back for decades. Their experience — like that of Mr Justice Douglas Brown, the judge in the Rochdale "satanic abuse" case — consisted largely of dealing with the consequences when families break down.

If all these legal minds are so well attuned to the underworld inhabited by social workers for much of the time, why is there so sharp a divergence between their findings and the practice of so many social services departments? After Rochdale came Orkney; after criticism of Staffordshire and Grove Park there are now accusations against Gwent and Norfolk, with yet another enquiry ordered this week by the health minister, Virginia Bottomley. Each time lawyers take the lead.

Social workers' self-confidence has been dented. Recruitment figures began to fall after the Cleveland case. David Jones, the general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, blames the series of ad hoc reports by lawyers for demoralising the profession. "Social workers don't have the lawyers' luxury of reflection and hindsight: they have to react pragmatically to what is going on." He feels that courts often fail to examine rigorously the evidence put before them by social workers: "They can't shuffle off their responsibility."

Michael Miller QC admits that courts have in the past 20 years deliberately "set their faces against intervening". Only lately, Mr Miller believes, did it dawn on the legal profession that misplaced zeal could be dangerous. His dismay is common among senior barristers. A more junior barrister, Edward Fitzgerald, worked for six months in an experimental "community home" 13 years ago, and emerged a wiser man. He is more sympathetic to social workers, but adds: "I am horrified that so much power can be given to a human being."

Professor Martin Davies, who teaches social studies at East Anglia, believes that social work is only one example of many fields in which the courts have conceded power to the experts. Mr Davies believes that the two professions reflect two opposing world views, though he hopes that the cross-disciplinary academic training of lawyers and social workers may bridge the gap. He doubts that social workers have enough knowledge to make the judgments demanded of them.

Frank Field, the Labour MP for Birkenhead who has spent most of his life working on social issues, is critical of the lawyers' tendency when dealing with social workers to "deliver the judgment of Solomon without being as clever as Solomon". He would like them to compile reports about good practice as well as bad.

The two camps will go on fighting it out. Lawyers cannot be expected to treat social workers as though they were above the law, and their legalism is a great asset in detecting abuses and discovering what went wrong. But it is difficult to see an end to the ritual of hushed-up malpractice followed by solemn enquiries and indictments by eminent jurists. Lacking coherent guidance, social workers seem likely to continue their rake's progress, while the good work most of them do goes unsung.

Why do the social workers keep getting it wrong? One problem is that laymen cannot always agree about what would be right. Another is that the most telling criticisms come from lawyers. Perhaps the mutual incomprehension and closing of ranks when one profession regularly takes apart another's working methods helps to explain why sensible recommendations from an unwelcome quarter appear to have so little effect. Exhortation is not enough.

So it may be time for the politicians to step in. Social services departments have failed. Privatising or devolving social work to "care associations" (as the Home Office minister, John Patten, suggested recently) might be the answer. Radical solutions are sometimes the best: Warwickshire closed its children's homes and found foster parents for almost all those in care. It worked. If detective work such as that of Blom-Cooper, Butler-Sloss and Levy is not to continue indefinitely, social workers will have to submit to a tighter and more rigorously enforced legal framework. The vision of a society in which social workers take over the role of parents, magistrates and priests has turned out a nightmare. The country wants to wake up.

NEW CHILD ABUSE LAW URGED

Biffen pledge on Jasmine report

Social workers lambasted for child humiliation

Legal reforms to protect families

Butler-Sloss: long professional experience of family breakdown

...and moreover

ALAN CORENI

I saw a ghost last Tuesday. Nothing odd in that, you will say: not, probably, because you acknowledge the by-products of mortality, but because you acknowledge the by-products of isolation. While a handful of you may indeed believe that if a man sits staring out of a Cricklewood window for long enough, he will eventually spot Henry the Navigator or Clara Bow poking around in his azaleas, the majority of you will put it down to what you have already gleaned about vacant hacks, which is that when oft upon their couch they lie, there is a tendency for things to flash upon that inward eye that is the curse of solitude.

This ghost, however, was neither. This ghost was palpable. More yet, it looked as though it would be no hardship at all to palp it. No sooner had it flashed upon my outward eye than I was off my couch and running, because lissom blondes do not often beat a path to my door in the middle of the afternoon, and since I was unprepared to the point of shoelessness, I needed to leave the room from which I had spotted her and sprint upstairs to grab some heels; for not only was she as tall as she was lissom, but my socks had seen better days, and little is likelier to get a tryst off to a duff start than the sight of a big toe on a man shorter than he needs to be.

While I was upstairs hopping from one leg to the other, however, the doorbell did not ring. Nothing so untoward there, I reflected as I hurriedly laced, she is no doubt tugging a brush through her hair, or buffing her lip-gloss, I know women; but when I got downstairs again and the bell had still not rung, I opened the door. I walked up the path. I looked this way and that. She had vanished.

This, though, was not what made her a ghost. What made her a ghost was what, when I trudged back disconsolate, I noticed on the mat. It was a long cream envelope. I picked it up; and since it had neither name nor address upon it, I was forced sadly to conclude that the vision had been nothing more than the messenger of some cowboy plumber or take-away pizza enterprise. It was only when I opened it that I found her to be a ghost. *My* ghost, moreover, if I gave her the chance she sought.

She was, said page 1, a successful novelist who wanted to transcribe my life story for my descendants to read and enjoy for generations. Page 2 gave her name as Valerie Blumenthal, her address as Vine Cottage, Moreton, and her modus operandi as interviewing me for some 30 hours, thereafter transcribing my confessions into a 30,000-word hardback autobiography, with gold lettering on spine and cover, in return for £3,500 inc VAT.

The final page was a photograph of the ghost. Knockout. Monica Vitti.

Do you know how long someone can stand motionless on a doormat? What was this all about? How had the ravishing Valerie arrived at me? Was it that she had heard about my teeming past, the Odessa foundling home, the Romanoff birthmark on my buttock, the smuggling aboard the Archangel convoy one step ahead of wolf and cossack, the torpedo, the rescue by Rockefeller's fortuitous seaplane, the subsequent career with the Boston Red Sox, the Green Berets, the Bluebell Troupe? Or was it merely that a mole at the Chelsea Building Society had leaked the intelligence that my account had just hit £3,500 and that I was well known as a sucker for wide eyes and long legs?

Alternatively, might she just possibly be a public benefactor who, having learned of my imminent signature to a contract whereby Penguin Books will be stuck with a three-decker autobiography, decided to step in and save the world from the arcane polysyllables and tortuous syntax which has had many a sub-editor burying his face in mummy's pinny? Three slim but comprehensible volumes at 10,000 words apiece, split the advance, make everybody happy?

Ah, vanity! Not to say vanity publishing. A little later, the phone rang. The accountant up the road. Later still, it rang again. The dentist down the road. Look, they murmured, you're in the trade, can I ask your advice, this really terrific-looking girl wants to write my . . .

Valerie had done a Cricklewood drop. Dozens of men were even now gazing at her photograph and wondering, if I am any judge, whether they had a chance. Even the ghost of one.

Ingham the industrious

Barely pausing for breath after producing a hefty volume of autobiography in less than five months, Sir Bernard Ingham is about to go into literary overdrive. He is preparing to write two books: a scholarly work on the media, no doubt coloured by his years as Downing Street press secretary, and a coffee-table book about his beloved Yorkshire.

"Bernard is not a three-month celebrity," says his agent, Giles Gordon. "He is a real writer who can sustain a book of 120,000 words, and is raring to do so again."

Ingham's hard work at the word-processor highlights Mrs Thatcher's failure to produce a book of her own. Six months after



her resignation, her memoirs seem not to have progressed beyond preliminary research.

"It's quite remarkable," says Gordon. "He has published a book and she hasn't even signed a contract." The book trade believes Mrs Thatcher's failure to capitalise immediately on her aura of premiership could seriously reduce eventual sales.

But Ingham, who last night urged Mrs Thatcher to stand down as an MP, says that she intends an entirely different kind of book. "It will be an authoritative account of her years in office — that requires much more work. I was writing an autobiography."

Mrs Thatcher could soon face competition from her former aide in another sphere too. As well as being a guest at the tables of the great and the good, Ingham hopes to join Mrs Thatcher on the lucrative lecture circuit. "He's a wonderful after-dinner speaker," says Gordon. "I think he will become increasingly outspoken about what went on during the Thatcher years."

As to the sums Ingham might command, Gordon is discreet. "Let's just say it will supplement his pension."

Writer's block

Poet David Harsent, who wrote the libretto for Harrison Birtwistle's *Gawain*, premiered at the Royal Opera House last night, has a lucrative secret life as a writer of light fiction.

It is not a subject he likes to discuss. "I am first and foremost a poet," he says. "I write fiction only so that I can pay the mortgage." He is not prepared publicly to admit to being Francis Greig, author of the BBC television sitcom *A Touch of Spice*. "It's not me. I cannot tell you who I am. It may confuse my readers," he says.

Perhaps he has selective amnesia about his first venture into television, for one critic described the six-part series as "forgettable rubbish". *The Listener* likened it to "television Polyfilla".

Sue Bysh, the producer of the series, says: "He's just being modest. It was a good series which demonstrated what a multi-talented writer he is. I can't understand why he won't own up. It had a good audience reaction, eight million viewers for each episode."

Harsent says: "I vaguely remember it, but I cannot recall the title." Which is rather odd, for the series starred Julia Watson, who is now Harsent's wife.

● *Actress Coral Browne, who died yesterday, found great happiness late in life through her marriage to Vincent Price. But she was the first to tease him for his "horror film" looks. When first married they fell for a bed in the window of Heals store in London. Told by the manager there was a five-week delivery delay, Miss Browne shrieked: "Five weeks? Have you seen Mr Price? Do you think he will last that long?"*

Desert desserts

While staff at the Imperial War Museum lament the paucity of Gulf war material for their forthcoming exhibition, the National Army Museum in Chelsea has been inundated, thanks to the Ministry of Defence. For its current exhibition, two members of the staff were recently allowed to trawl the desert around Kuwait for discarded jumble.

They returned with 240 items, ranging from Iraqi and British cooking equipment to the remains of a sandtable model of the battlefield used for briefings by an Iraqi commander. Additional equipment arrives by the day, including this week an American camp-bed of a kind much coveted by the British troops.

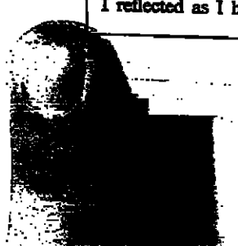
Acknowledging that an army marches on its stomach, the museum will highlight the rival diets in its proposed permanent exhibition. "We have examples of the food eaten by both sides, including the standard British meal, the compo, which saved so many soldiers from Baghdad belly," says Alan Guy, an assistant director. "The Iraqis seem to have existed on rice, pulses and vegetables."

Clawing it in

Even before the release of Steven Spielberg's *Hook*, based on *Peter Pan*, patients and staff of Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital have benefited to the tune of half a million dollars — the amount Spielberg paid for an option to make the film. Since April 1929, the hospital has owned the copyright and so received royalties from Barrie's classic. The regular flow of cash should be greatly boosted by the film, which stars Dustin Hoffman as Hook, Robin Williams as Peter Pan and Julia Roberts as Tinkerbell.

"We have signed a deal with the makers, Columbia Tri-Star, guaranteeing a further $500,000 from premières around the world and 3.75 per cent of the film's net income," says the hospital. "We are hoping it will be a great success."

● *Sit on enough literary award panels and consensus becomes a habit. The judges of the NCR book award dined at the Savoy before Wednesday night's ceremony to decide on the winner — Claire Tomalin for* The Invisible Woman. *The panel, including Ludovic Kennedy, Robert Kee and Angela Huth, took everything to a vote, calling for a show of hands on the choice of wines, on whether to have coffee after dinner, and even, it is said, on the choice of cigars.*



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LAMONT FENDS OFF EMU

The cause of European Monetary Union lethally wounded Britain's last prime minister. Before this year is out, that same EMU could threaten the present one. The Treaty of Rome amendments now being negotiated in Luxembourg and Brussels will probably be ready for signature by December. The force of Euro-federalism would then run into the obstacle of the Conservative party's anti-European rump. Tory fratricide could break out just months before a general election. Avoiding it has therefore become a tactical priority for John Major's government.

Yesterday the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, did his best by setting out the most intellectually coherent exposition of British policy towards Europe yet seen from a post-Thatcher Tory. He made clear that Britain was not yet willing to fall into the trap set by Jacques Delors earlier this month, when the Commission's president suggested a special "British sovereignty" clause in the text of any Treaty amendment. This would have enabled the British Parliament to vote on the treaty at the turn of the century before committing Britain irrevocably to the abandonment of the pound and the surrender of control over the key levers of economic policy.

The Chancellor predictably mentioned the fears of monetary "imposition" by Brussels and made the obligatory references to the Treasury's quixotic plan for a parallel "hard ecu". But the essence of Mr Lamont's speech was a ruthless scepticism towards the fundamental concepts of EMU.

The objections to it remain twofold. First, there is no convincing evidence that the surrender of exchange rate and monetary flexibility by a country the size of Britain to a federation of its neighbours must necessarily be beneficial. Neither Hong Kong nor Japan would have taken that view in the past three decades.

Second and more important, even if such a benefit was conceivable, it would have to be set against the consequences of a unitary polity losing control of such key elements of redistributive democracy as taxation, regional and monetary policy.

The final stage of EMU as envisaged by M Delors would not just fix exchange rates for some undefined period, as under the 19th-century gold standard or the postwar Bretton Woods agreement. It seeks a permanent abandonment of national economic sovereignty. Since it is most unlikely that France or Germany would themselves submit to the full rigour of such a surrender, there is a case for treating even the enthusiasm of the French and German governments here with a certain cynicism.

The present plans for EMU would ensure that the institutions of domestic economic management were progressively dismantled. Once such a process passes some critical point, the costs and uncertainties of re-establishing economic sovereignty become forbidding, as the rebellious republics of the Soviet Union are finding out. But as those republics are also finding out, the costs are sometimes paid.

Some federalists claim that the EC has already passed this point of no return. But there is nothing in economic theory or historical experience to sustain the claim that a common currency is a necessary concomitant of a free trade zone. Even if the other eleven go forward to some sort of monetary union — even if they do not backslide as they approach it — there is no compelling case for Britain to join.

Monetary union is not the same as free trade nor, most important, is it the same as participating in a voluntary "managed float" such as the European exchange-rate mechanism. Economic autonomy is not something casually to be cast aside in the pious hope that it might bring an extra few per cent of growth in its train. Political union continues to be as elusive as ever, as has the vision of the EC as a force for world free trade. Economic union, especially between states as widely divergent in prosperity and industrial structure as Europe's, is still far from being a sensible goal even of "good" Europeans.

Mr Lamont was ideologically right to keep open Britain's option to reject currency union, while he was politically shrewd in not closing it. But this will mean protecting Britain's domestic monetary institutions from any excessive sharing of sovereignty in the preliminary stages of EMU. Whether a government which has invested so much of its domestic policy in the ERM will be tough enough to do this remains to be seen. But at least Mr Lamont has shown that he understands the danger ahead.

SOCIAL-WORKER ABUSE

Another outburst of anti-social worker hysteria has been triggered by the publication of the report by Allan Levy, QC, into the running of children's homes in Staffordshire. The government has promised another enquiry into social work. The pattern is familiar, but it is not much help to children, and none to social workers who have to bear the heat of the day.

Some adults fail as parents, often in circumstances where even saints would be tempted to give up. Their failure comes to the attention of the authorities, usually through the behaviour of their children. So children are taken by the local authority under supervision or into care. From then on they are the responsibility of social workers, who are expected to work miracles on individuals already damaged and disturbed by the earlier failures. If they in turn fail, society turns on them with a vengeance.

The treatment of delinquent teenagers in the homes Mr Levy investigated was misguided, to use yesterday's apt expression from David Jones, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers. The Staffordshire regime, which a hundred years ago would not have been considered to be an abuse, included such humiliations as the denial of outer clothing, food restrictions, demeaning tasks and early bedtimes. These methods to manage and control unruly children, Mr Levy found, were not helping their development into useful adults, and could do long-term psychological harm.

But the staff responsible, not unlike many parents, were clearly at their wits' end to know what to do with disruptive young people who, for whatever reason, could no longer live at home. They wrongly took a leaf out of prison regulations from an earlier era, and used a form of solitary confinement (often for weeks at a time) as routine punishment for bad behaviour. This became known as pindown.

Good parents would have known better. Why the staffs of these homes did not, quickly becomes obvious. Because of the way the social work profession is structured, the staffing of residential homes has low priority. The jobs often go to untrained, usually young, employees in the social work hierarchy. While the children concerned are likely to include many who are the most difficult to manage, those faced with their management are the least qualified. It is a bizarre mismatch.

Within the profession, the most glamorous aspect of social work is regarded as working with families, identifying and correcting "dysfunctions" of relationship. Those in children's homes are the products of relationships which have stopped functioning altogether, and social work intervention is less likely to produce rewarding results. Indeed with some disturbed children the best that can be hoped for is that they become no worse.

Horror at the excesses of pindown is easy from a distance. But the management of a community of rebellious and ill-disciplined adolescents, particularly those with personality disorders, is one of the most severe challenges a social worker can face. It should be a job specially reserved for those who are well trained and mature (and paid accordingly). Meanwhile competent social workers should not be deterred from trying novel methods, even apparently strict ones. A residential home for disturbed young people in which there is no discipline may be just as shocking as one in which there is too much.

NONSENSE OF NIL-NIL

A relatively free-scoring English League season, followed by a pulsating Cup Final, may have lured football aficionados into thinking that *The Times*' campaign for wider goals had become anachronistic. Such hopes must surely have been dispelled during the 120 sterile minutes of Wednesday night's European Cup final.

Red Star of Belgrade come from a country which uses penalty shoot-outs to settle drawn league matches. Their players have practised winning such contests to perfection. They succeeded in their deliberate objective of stopping Olympique Marseilles from scoring: and were then predictably spot on from the spot. They won and gave the world a glimpse of the international cup football of the future. It is a grim prospect.

Next week in Belfast, Fifa's international board meets to discuss whether to recommend rule changes to ensure that more goals are scored in football matches. But even a child of seven acquainted with Edward de Bono's principles of lateral thinking could supply the obvious answers.

Already the offside law is to be liberalised, so that a player cannot be offside to a ball played to him from inside his own half. In addition, the "wall" to impede free-kicks should be outlawed, thus penalising fouls on attackers more harshly. Teams could be cut to ten men each (or reduced only for the period of extra time). Corner-kicks could be taken closer to goal, as in hockey.

All these are merely tinkering with the problem, however, and lack the elegant simplicity of adding to the width — and perhaps the height — of the goal. This would make it harder to stop the other side scoring, and thus make it more important to score oneself. Higher scoring would not only be more exciting for spectators, it would reflect the flow of play and the balance of skills on each side. While nil-nil or 1-1 draws are all too common, a tied 7-7 scoreline would be far less likely. Games now fought to a grim draw would more often see a winner at the end and more action in the middle.

Two obstacles stand in the way of this admirable change: the innate conservatism of the sport's administrators and the calculation of those who reckon that the present system works in their favour. But those who run football seem to be increasingly aware that change is necessary. There is an encouraging precedent. Rule changes have transformed rugby union. The four-point try and the ban on direct touch-kicking from outside the 22-metre line has fostered free-running and free-scoring.

Money too may talk. The next World Cup is to be held in America. American television audiences are unlikely to be impressed by 90 minutes of nothing happening, followed by a schedule-disrupting 30 minutes of nothing more happening. No goals will mean no audiences and no dollars. If football's leaders fail to respond, they will have scored an expensive own-goal.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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An opportunity lost in Ethiopia

From Professor James Pickett

Sir, It is to be hoped that a democratic and legitimate government, willing to follow market-based economic policies, will yet emerge from Ethiopia's present anguish. In this regard, however, I fear that an opportunity has been lost through the failure to distinguish between Mengistu Haile Mariam and his cronies on the Dergue and those on the Council of Ministers and the bureaucracy who wrestled against appalling odds to give the country at least a semblance of civil government.

Many of the latter were honest and patriotic technocrats. Even before Mengistu fled they had pushed through reforms that largely freed the peasants from state control, and they were moving the economy generally in the direction of the market. And — whatever may have been the military position — with Mengistu gone, the government of Tesfaye Dinka was one with which Western powers could have done business, since the political and economic values of many of its members would not have been out of place in Washington or London.

Unfortunately, the views of these Western-leaning but patriotic Ethiopians were not represented at the London talks. As a result the formation of a broad-based government capable of bringing peace and economic growth has been made more difficult. And some who could have made useful contributions to such a government now find themselves seriously threatened.

Yesterday the state radio in Addis Ababa ordered senior members of the former administration to turn themselves in within 48 hours. Today the radio has been listing the names of those who have already done so, and branding all indiscriminately as criminal. Since some so named (including senior civil servants) were guiltless, this does not augur well for the peace process in Ethiopia.

Among those now in danger, I am particularly concerned for the safety of Mr Bekele Tamrat. Until recently he was governor of the National Bank, and then for a few weeks minister of finance. A trained and intelligent accountant, he is a man of complete probity, guilty only of doing his remarkable best to limit the damage done by Mengistu to the Ethiopian economy. In a skill-scarce land he has much to offer. He admires the UK and the US, and I hope that those there with the power to do so will act quickly to ensure that he comes to no harm.

Yours sincerely,
JAMES PICKETT,
University of Strathclyde,
David Livingstone Institute of Overseas Development Studies,
26 Richmond Street,
Glasgow.
May 30.

Juries and libel

From Mr Andrew Ambatis

Sir, Among Mr David Pannick's objections to trial by jury in libel cases (Law Times, May 28) is "the considerable burden imposed on lay people".

I would suggest that the reason why defamation — like fraud, malicious prosecution and false imprisonment — are still tried by jury is because these civil wrongs resemble crimes: they involve questions of moral turpitude. The community has to treat with the person defamed in matters of trust, employment, marriage, etc. Hence the community must be ready to discharge "the burden".

The quality of the jury's reasoning, which Mr Pannick also doubts, can be inferred from the very scale of damages awarded. The large awards, almost always against a newspaper, express its disapproval of the conduct of a powerful medium with wide circulation against the individual, who has no other means of countering the allegations aimed at him.

Juries are rightly prejudiced in favour of the underdog and they possess a sense of fairness that transcends legal niceties. Today the individual cannot fight a powerful and arrogant press except by the judgment of his peers.

No, Mr Pannick, trial by jury is not a "shibboleth of liberal thinking" that it provides protection solely against "state" action. It provides protection against arbitrary action by any overpowerful entity, be it the state or a newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
A. AMBATIS,
33 Jeymer Avenue, NW2.
May 29.

Gaitskell's supporters

From Mr Roy D. Roebuck

Sir, It is disappointing to find your political correspondent repeating (May 27) the myth that Hugh Gaitskell's "strongest supporters left the [Labour] party to form the SDP". He should know better than to accept the media hype of a gang who mistook a hearse for a bandwagon.

The vast majority of Gaitskell's supporters, and all who supported his views on the EC, did not join the SDP. They preferred to "fight and fight again to save the party we love".

It is not without interest that, when a commemorative plaque was put on Gaitskell's house some years ago, Lady Gaitskell directed that no member of the SDP should be invited to the ceremony.

The notion that the pro-Market Gang of Four and their ragtag and bobtail were Gaitskell's "strongest supporters" is as impudent as their attempt to claim Tawney as their philosopher.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
ROY ROEBUCK,
12 Brooksby Street, N1.
May 27.

Modern motherhood

From Mr Brian Cox

Sir, For small children who misbehaved, the mother's threat always used to be "Just you wait until your father gets home".

This morning, I heard an up-to-date equivalent when our daughter told her four-week-old baby: "If you're not good I'll put you on the fax and send you to your Daddy."

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN COX,
St Christopher's,
Severals Road,
Bepton, Midhurst,
West Sussex.
May 23.

Writer's cramp

From Mr John L. Andrews

Sir, I have just completed the annual torment of attempting to write my "authorised signature" on the narrow strip provided on my new Visa card, which this year allows a height of only 8.5mm. Examination of some other cards shows Save & Prosper's Mastercard in the lead with a generous 11.5mm, whilst Diner's Club allows 10mm.

My usual signature needs a height of 20mm, and trying to compress it to less than half, using a ball-point pen on a slippery surface bounded by a magnetic stripe at the top and the pitted surface of the number embossing below is an almost impossible task, not assisted by the thought that you can't stop and try again.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. ANDREWS,
Ravenswood, Palmers Lane,
Burghfield Common,
Reading, Berkshire.
May 24.

Sea fever

From Commander A. H. Sinclair, RN

Sir, Your correspondent, Captain I. W. Powe (May 28), should not be surprised at the incidence of letters from captains, RN. An old adage, "the naval officer tends to be opinionated, having spent much of his life without adequate conversational opposition" runs true here. Once retired, a form of education bursts forth and the rest of us, not of that rank, just have to put up with it.

Yours faithfully,
ANGUS SINCLAIR,
Nato HQ, Eastbury Park,
Northwood, Middlesex.

From Colonel C. Fletcher-Wood

Sir, The mis-named Silent Service?

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
C. FLETCHER-WOOD,
Army & Navy Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.

Testing for HIV

From Dr John Marks

Sir, The finding that as many as one in 200 pregnant women are HIV-positive in certain inner London ante-natal clinics (report, May 18) while the figure for Yorkshire is only one in 16,000, shows the need for sensitive offering of HIV testing to selected patient groups, rather than the indiscriminate mass testing suggested by Dr Russell Jones (May 22). Epidemiological studies are of value precisely because they do give doctors a basis of information on which to focus their advice to individual patients.

It is by no means clear that routine testing of pregnant women will prevent the birth of infected babies. After careful counselling, many HIV-positive women choose to continue their pregnancies and some go on to have further children.

This is perhaps not surprising in view of many people's strong desire for parenthood, and current estimates that only around 10-25 per cent of babies born to HIV-positive mothers are themselves infected. Even among the babies who are infected, a proportion will enjoy a good quality of life for some years at least. In these circumstances it would be wrong for society or doctors to dictate to HIV-positive women that they should have no children, and by extension wrong to dictate that they should be tested for HIV.

The offer of a test, accompanied by counselling and information, can help women in high-prevalence areas, or who have a history of risk behaviour, to make their own decisions on this sensitive matter.

Similarly, to test all patients undergoing major surgery would not be cost-effective, especially since the age groups in which HIV infection is most prevalent are not those most commonly undergoing surgery. Because antibody testing does not detect all cases of HIV infection, high standards of infection control are needed for all patients to minimise exposure of staff to blood or other potentially infectious body fluids.

This does not preclude asking some patients likely to be at particular risk of infection to be tested if the surgeon is considering using additional precautions; if the patient refuses testing, then the precautions can be taken anyway.

In the few instances where an elective surgical procedure might be prejudicial to the health of an HIV-positive patient (not all of whom are immuno-suppressed) then the doctor can explain this and advise the patient to be tested, in the same way as other specific contra-indications would be discussed on an individual basis.

As a society we share a responsibility for preventing further spread of HIV by avoiding high-risk behaviour ourselves and educating and assisting others to do so. That will be best achieved through building relationships of trust and respect in which people feel it is safe to undergo voluntary HIV testing and to seek and receive advice appropriate to their lifestyles.

Yours faithfully
JOHN MARKS
(Chairman of Trustees),
British Medical Association
Foundation for Aids,
BMA House,
Tavistock Square, WC1.
May 23.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

The good, the greedy and the radio

From the Chairman of the Radio Authority

Sir, Richard Morrison ("A classic case of the good having to fight with greed", May 23) appears not to have fully understood either the functions of the Radio Authority or the requirements of the Broadcasting Act 1990 under which the authority operates. I hope you will allow me to make two few brief comments.

Whoever wins the licence certainly *will* be able to broadcast Pavarotti's "Nessun Dorma" *and* any Elvis Presley record from the repertoire. Mr Morrison seems not to be aware that the requirement for the FM frequency calls for 75 per cent of its music time to be "non-pop": the other 25 per cent can be as "pop" as the licensee chooses.

Secondly, we have not "miscalculated the terms". The "monstrous financial requirements" have, in fact, been very carefully calculated. The £10,000 application fee covers the cost to the Radio Authority of having the applicants' business plan thoroughly examined by financial advisers. The £985,000 licence fee is calculated according to a general tariff table based on population coverage. A commercial radio service has to cover 85 per cent of the population to merit the description "national".

Mr Morrison comments that "heaven knows for what purpose" this fee is collected. The answer is quite simple. It is to enable the Radio Authority, which has no other source of income, to discharge the responsibilities laid upon it by Parliament. The general tariff will, of course, be kept constantly under review.

Mr Morrison's predilection for a new classical radio station is understandable. He is, however, firing at the wrong target. Royalty fees and transmission costs are outside the control of the Radio Authority. As his article points out the 4 per cent of qualifying revenue and the cash bid go to the Treasury.

A few days ago experts of magisterial authority were assuring us that there would be no bidders for the first national commercial radio licence. Now that we have three powerful bidders the same experts are busy prophesying doom for the winners. I expect they will be wrong again.

Yours sincerely,
CHALFONT, Chairman,
The Radio Authority,
70 Brompton Road, SW3.
May 24.

From Sir Brian Rix

Sir, The competition for the national commercial radio station is a three-horse race, but Richard Morrison wore his heart very firmly on his sleeve, for his article was really extolling the virtues of Classic FM, giving scant regard to the other two competitors.

I must confess to being on the board of one of those competitors, First National Radio (the "Showtime" station). Admittedly, if chosen, we may never achieve the full range of classical music enjoyed by Richard Morrison, but I think he should have noticed that the word "showtime" does indicate that the station will have an interest in all manner of music arising from places of entertainment. These must surely include both concert hall and opera house.

The spoken-word content of FNR's allowed input will concentrate very heavily on all aspects of the performing arts, thus encouraging audiences throughout the country to attend entertainment venues.

We can only hope and trust that the Radio Authority will support such an enterprise. Sadly, it seems that the decision will be made on the cash bid, irrespective of the quality of the programmes on offer.

Yours etc.,
BRIAN RIX,
3 St Mary's Grove,
Barnes Common, SW13.
May 23.

Eurofare

From Mr Nicholas Serpell

Sir, Your report (May 25) regarding the European Commission's proposals to protect the geographical origins of food quotes Mr Ken Collins, MEP for Strathclyde East, as saying that people should not be prevented from referring to a pastry filled with meat, potato and carrots as a Cornish pasty.

Mr Collins should be aware that a true Cornish pasty never contains carrots and, that if the proposed legislation will prevent the marketing of products with questionable fillings as "Cornish pasties", it will be very much welcomed in this part of the country.

No doubt if the Cornish began distilling a grain-based spirit and selling it as "Scotch" Mr Collins might take a different viewpoint over geographical origin protection.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS SERPELL,
18 Treviglas Rise, Probus,
Truro, Cornwall.

Ambushed by Boers

From Brigadier K. A. Timbers

Sir, I was sorry to see in your letters column (May 22) the suggestion that U Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, was disgraced at Sanna's Post, the crossing of the Koorn Spruit, in 1900. History shows that Broadwood's column walked into a well-planned ambush by the Boers. U Battery was caught in the ambush with its guns in the line of march (i.e., hooked in behind the horses) and unable to fire.

The choice was between being slaughtered at point-blank range and being taken prisoner. Q Battery, further back in the column, had space to manoeuvre and was able to get clear, bringing its guns into action and engaging the Boers (winning four VCs in the process).

Losing in battle bears no disgrace unless those concerned are criminally careless or show cowardice in the face of the enemy. If there was any blame on this occasion it falls on the column's commander for failing to clear his route.

Yours faithfully,
K. A. TIMBERS
(Historical Secretary),
Royal Artillery Historical Trust,
The Royal Artillery Institution,
Woolwich, SE18.

NHS reforms

From the Chairman, Mid Surrey Health Authority

Sir, I am sad that, in the political bickering about the NHS, the critical role of health authorities has been ignored. It is not the responsibility of trusts to identify the health care needs of the local population but to provide facilities to meet those needs. On the other hand, the major function of the new-style health authorities is to ensure that fully appropriate care is provided to meet the needs of the population, rather than worrying about hospitals balancing budgets.

To avoid excessive disruption to providers, no significant changes in the "provision of care" contracts have been introduced this year, but we are already seeing the potential for change. We are being approached by trusts offering superior services and, as a consequence, we already see the prospect of reducing waiting times for, for instance, eye surgery from six months to two weeks — at no extra cost. This could never have happened under the old management arrangements.

Perhaps it would be as well for the full effects of the changes to be apparent before the new system is condemned without trial.

Yours sincerely,
A. W. HOLMES, Chairman,
Mid Surrey Health Authority,
West Park Hospital,
Horton Lane,
Epsom, Surrey.
May 20.

Monopoly enquiries

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, You report (May 22) that the match-making group Bryant & May are due for the second monopoly enquiry in four years — even though they had a clean bill of health the first time. This repetitive pressure by the monopolies commission has been experienced by a number of companies and industries.

It is extremely expensive and time absorbing for business organisations to undergo this treatment. It literally costs millions of pounds. Very senior executives have to be used full-time.

Two things are necessary: the first is for the monopolies commission to restrict their investigation of organisations given a clean bill of health; the second is that they should be prepared to pick up the bills to compensate companies and industries.

Yours etc.,
MICHAEL IVENS,
Director,
Aims of Industry,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.
May 23.

Clerical c.v.

From Mr Douglas Verrall

Sir, What is the Church of England coming to? Our local church is advertising a guest preacher, an Evangelist with the Church Pastoral Aid Society.

He is described as "not a typical Church of England minister" with the following credentials: his father was a window cleaner, he was brought up in a council house, served in the navy and has taught in a girls' school. But the most horrifying revelation of them all is that he has "a cockney accent".

I am still reeling from the shock.

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS VERRALL,
3 Springfield Road,
St Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 30: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visited South Yorkshire today and were received at Barnsley Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Yorkshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Hugh Neill).

A Guard of Honour was found by the 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (Commanding Officer, Lieutenant-Colonel J Fox).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Barnsley Metrodome, escorted by the Leader of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (Councillor H Salt) and afterwards visited Hesley Wood Scout Camp (Chief Scout, Mr G Morrison).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh then drove to Sheffield Arena and were recieved by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield (Councillor Mrs D Askham) and Mr R Gridley (Director of the World Student Games).

Her Majesty subsequently opened the Arena by unveiling a commemorative plaque.

Afterwards The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, honoured Councillor Mrs D Askham with her presence at luncheon in Sheffield Town Hall.

In the afternoon Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Clifton Park, Rotherham, on the occasion of its Centenary.

Having been received by the Mayor of Rotherham (Councillor O Hartley), The Queen, with The Duke of Edinburgh, unveiled a commemorative plaque and planted a tree.

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a reception at Doncaster Mansion House and were received by the Mayor of Doncaster (Councillor W Gillies).

The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvrin, Wing Commander David Walker, RAF and Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening visited Manchester Business School and gave the 1991 Leadership Lecture on the Environment.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins) and Professor T Cannon (The Director, Manchester Business School).

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 30: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening hosted a dinner for members of the Group at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 30: This morning The Princess Royal opened the Oban Distillery Visitors' Centre, Stafford Street, Oban.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness was received by Mr Ian Thornber (Deputy Lieutenant of Kincardineshire) and visited the Glensanda Quarry Development at Morvern.

Subsequently The Princess Royal visited the Isle of Tiree and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Argyll and Bute (the Marquess of Bute).

Her Royal Highness opened the Tiree Activity Centre, Hynish for the Hebridean Trust and the new extension to Tigh-a-Rudha Eventide Home, Scarinish.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Prince of Wales visited the site of Garden Festival Wales, Ebbw Vale.

His Royal Highness, President of The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, also met representatives of and young people from the Volunteers and The Prince's Youth Business Trust.

Subsequently, The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, held a meeting with young Welsh business leaders.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gwent (Mr Richard Hanbury-Tenison).

The Prince of Wales visited the National Rivers Authority Cynrig Salmon Hatchery, Llanfrynach, Brecon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Powys (Mr Mervyn Bourdillon).

Commander Alistair Watson, RN and Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, The Architects Benevolent Society, this afternoon attended the Society's Council Meeting and Reception held at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, W1.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 30: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for All Speech Impaired Children, was present today at the Second International Symposium on Specific Speech and Language Disorders in Children, Harrogate International Centre, Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Westbury (Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire).

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 30: The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the United Kingdom Committee of the United Nation's Children's Fund, this evening attended the Unicef/-London Symphony Orchestra Endowment Trust Childhood Gala Concert at the Barbican Centre, London EC2.

Mrs Peter Wilmot-Sitwell was in attendance.

Prince Rainier III of Monaco celebrates his birthday today.

Birthdays today

Mr Don Ameche, actor, 83; Sir Francis Avery Jones, gastroenterologist, 81; Miss Lynda Bellingham, actress, 43; Sir Derek Birley, vice-chancellor, Ulster University, 65; Dr John Daniel, vice-chancellor, Open University, 49; Mr Andrea de Cesaris, racing driver, 32; Miss Florence Desmond, actress, 86; Mr Clint Eastwood, actor, 61; Admiral Sir James Eberle, former director, Royal Institute of International Affairs, 64; Mr Denholm Elliott, actor, 69; the Rev Professor L.A. Garrard, philosopher and theologian, 87; Rear-Admiral Peter Gibson, 78; Mr Andrew Grima, jeweller, 70; Air Marshal Sir Valston Hancock, 84; Viscount Ingleby, 65; Sir Jan Lewando, former director, Marks and Spencer, 82; Miss Debbie Moore, founder chairman, Pineapple Dance Studios, 45; Sir Michael Sandberg, former chairman, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, 64; Mr Neil Shaw, chairman, Tate and Lyle, 62; Sir Ewart Smith, former deputy chairman, ICI, 94; Professor Sir William Taylor, vice-chancellor, Hull University, 61; Mr Justice Turner, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir George Vallings, 59; Mr Terry Waite, adviser on Anglican Communion Affairs to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 52.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of The Light Infantry, will present new colours to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions at Tidworth at 11.00.

The Prince of Wales will attend the Royal Bath and West of England Show at the Showground, Shepton Mallet, at 11.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Bryant of Scotland, Stirling Street, Tillicoultry, at 11.30; as a Visitor of Strathcarron Hospice, will attend a reception given by Stirling District Council at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum at 12.30; and will attend a symposium in the Town Hall, Alloa, at 1.55. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a ballet performance at Reid Hall, Forfar, Angus, at 7.15.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Sir Geoffrey Howe to be Visitor to the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

Miss Valerie Cromwell to be General Editor of the *History of Parliament* from October 1.

Irish aim to chronicle past from first settler

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

A PROGRAMME of archaeological research to "discover the past from the moment man first set foot in Ireland" has been announced by the Irish government.

The scheme will be financed from the proceeds of the national lottery, and has a budget of IR£250,000 this year, rising to IR£500,000 from 1992.

The "Discovery Programme", unveiled by the prime minister Charles Haughey, was greeted as "a dream come true" by Professor George Eogan, who will chair an advisory panel overseeing the research and excavation work. The programme will involve digs throughout the republic, and will include prehistoric and early Christian sites.

Mr Haughey said that the programme would be "designed and implemented to the highest professional archaeological standards, so that it can stand up to world scrutiny. It will be all-embracing, covering the whole country era by era: it could go on for five, 10 or 15 years."

The advisory panel, which will come under the control of the Office of Public Works, includes academics from Irish departments of archaeology in Cork and Galway, as well as Dr Patrick Wallace, Director of the National Museum of Ireland, and Dr Mike Baillie of Queen's University in Belfast.

Mr Haughey said that information from the research would be incorporated into school curricula and presented to the public at interpretative centres. Professor Eogan said that the programme would enrich European archaeology, because while Ireland was an island, its archaeology was "not insular, but part and parcel of the great story of the emergence of European society".

OBITUARIES

CORAL BROWNE

Coral Browne (Mrs Vincent Price), stage, film and television actress, died in Los Angeles on May 29 aged 77. She was born in Melbourne on July 23, 1913.



CORAL Browne was one of the wittiest actresses of her generation on-stage and an equally striking personality off it. As a classical actress she had power and authority while her sheer stylishness and her commanding personality lifted many a commercial piece well above its natural level. In the theatre her talent was often shown in a single inflection or a charged pause that might have brought immediate triumph in the kind of sophisticated revue popular during the 1940s and 1950s. But from her earliest days she had displayed a range of skills which she deployed effortlessly, moving between Shakespeare, where she could inject something startling into the most thoroughly-known and often-acted role, and the glossiest of artificial comedy.

One of her great qualities was her special chamelion gift. Tall, poised and elegant, she was totally at home in those light-comedy parts that look so simple from the front but that need the craft of a consummate technician who at the same time really relishes the task in hand. Coral Browne could go straight from this sort of thing to the power and menace needed for Goneril, Regan or Lady Macbeth and return to the insubstantial comic ethos in a way bewildering to those who liked to see their players adhering to at least certain notions of type. Her Lady Macbeth for the Old Vic (1956) is regarded as one of the finest accounts of the role in modern times, while in the following year she had a scarcely less memorable success in Shakespearian comedy, also for the Old Vic, with her Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, creating of the role a soulful, questing creature bewildered by the complexity of life and love.

Her robust humour off-stage was as renowned as her performance on it and tales about her public utterances – generally true in spirit even when short on strict fact – abounded. One such piece of lore concerned her and Vincent Price's purchase of a bed in the days before their wedding. Miss Browne was then in her sixties and her future spouse couple of years older. Having made their selection, the couple were informed by the salesman of the London department store that delivery would take three months. Miss Brown is alleged to have fixed him with an imperious glare: "Just look at us" she demanded, "D'you think we've got that long?"

Coral Edith Browne was born the daughter of Leslie Brown, a restaurateur (her own name acquired its terminal 'e' for stage purposes). She was educated at Claremont Ladies' College, Melbourne, and later studied painting. But she had first gone on the stage when she was 17 and she subsequently played through a teasing medley of parts – though at that stage no Shakespeare – that spoke for much of her future. Already as a young actress she embraced farce, social comedy, Ibsen's Hedda, Shaw's Orinthia (*The Apple Cart*) and Barrie's Mrs Dearth.

During the atumn of 1934, among several Australian migrants to the English theatre in this period, she arrived in London (as an understudy) but she had to wait for real recognition until her Maggie Cutler in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* (1941) and a confident Mrs Cheyney in the Savoy revival of *The Last of Mrs Cheyney* (1944) with Jack Buchanan. More of the sort of part she grew to play with such assurance followed: Maugham's Lady Frederick (1946), one of Lonsdale's quartet in *Canaries Sometimes Sing* (1947), and – with Buchanan, a perfect stage companion – Boss Trent in Alan Melville's *Castle in the Air* during its career at two theatres.

Being the artist she was, she then needed change. She got it in the hardest way by going to the Old Vic as a straight, strong Emilia to Douglas Campbell's Othello (1951) and as Regan (1952) in an unlucky *King Lear*; the revival had been designed for Wolfit but he had left the company. Soon she was back in the West End for a forgettable comedy, *Affairs of State*, which nevertheless lasted 18 months. It was not long, however, after other trivialities, before she returned to the classics, first, in New York as the suffering Zabina in Tyrone Guthrie's production of *Tamburlaine the Great* – his direction always appealed to her. Then, in 1956 at the Old Vic, a theatre she always loved, came her celebrated Lady Macbeth, a role she also took on tour in America. By this point she seemed to have become a confirmed Shakespearian. To come were Gertrude – to John Neville's Hamlet – her enchanting Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Goneril, all at the Old Vic. She was Gertrude again with the Stratford company for its visit to the Soviet Union in December 1958 to Michael Redgrave's Hamlet.

But this was actually to be her last Shakespearian venture. In the West End such pieces as *The Pleasure of his Company*, *Bonne Soupe* and *The Right Honourable Gentleman* came and went after substantial runs without adding noticeably to her reputation. But there were other roles in which she did star such as the resolutely dramatic Mrs Erlynne ("I feel a passion awakening within me that I never felt before") in Wilde's *Lady Windermere's Fan*, Shaw's Mrs Warren for the National Theatre company at the Old Vic (1970) – her first Shaw since her early days in Melbourne – and two difficult parts in Anouilh revivals, Emily in *The Waltz of the Toreadors* (1975) and the Countess in *Ardèle*.

She had entered films in 1935 and though the cinema always came second to her stage career she made pictures, on and off, for the next 50 years. They ranged from a George Formby comedy, *Let George Do It!* (1940) through the Anna Neagle romances, *Piccadilly Incident* and *The Courtneys of Curzon Street* and *Auntie Mame*, filmed in Hollywood in 1958, to *The Roman Spring of Mrs Stone* (1961).

Her most publicised appearance came in 1969 in *The Killing of Sister George*, where she played the television executive who fires Sister George from the serial which has been her working life (and steals her young and attractive girl-friend at the same time). Her explicit lesbian scene with Susannah York, playing the young girl-friend, was highly controversial in the climate of the times, causing a furore which detracted from a recognition of the quality of her chillingly effective performance as the one character in the story who gets exactly what she wants. Among her later films were *The Ruling Class* (1972) from the stage play by Peter Barnes and *Theatre of Blood* (1973), a hilarious horror comedy which starred Vincent Price playing a splendidly hammy Shakespearean actor who revenges himself on those theatre critics who have derided his performances by disposing of them in a succession of gruesome murders ingeniously constructed around murder scenes from Shakespeare's plays.

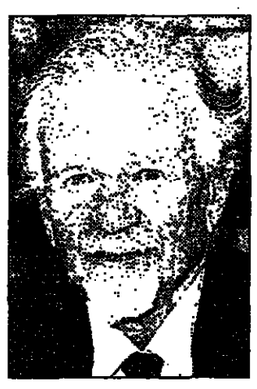
In 1983 she had a triumph on television, playing herself in Alan Bennett's drama *An Englishman Abroad*. It was based on a bizarre meeting in Moscow with the spy Guy Burgess during her visit with the Old Vic's *Hamlet* in the 1950s. Burgess (played in the BBC film by Alan Bates) burst into her dressing room one night, invited her to dinner and asked her to have clothes made for him by a London tailor. In 1986 she was Mrs Alice Hargreaves in the *Dreamchild*, playing an octogenarian dragon of inimitably English breed, in a film which portrayed a visit to New York by the old lady who had once been the model for Lewis Carroll's Alice.

Her first husband was the actor, and later agent, Philip Pearman, who died in 1964. She married Vincent Price in 1974. She had met him for the first time during the making of *Theatre of Blood*, "in a graveyard, of course", she always claimed.

She had no children.

LORD WALSTON

Lord Walston, CVO, farmer and politician, died on May 29 aged 78. He was born on June 16, 1912.



LORD Walston was born into a wealthy German-American family and given the names of Henry David Leonard George but from his childhood and even after his life peerage he was never known as anything but Harry Walston. He was a famously successful farmer and tabloid newspapers delighted in describing him as a socialist millionaire. He began as a Liberal though he spent most of his political life in the Labour party and ended as a member of the Social Democrats. He was never an orthodox party man and his political wanderings always reflected strong and constant principles.

The only son of Sir Charles Walston, a Cambridge classical scholar, he was educated at Eton and King's College, Cambridge. At one point it seemed as if he would follow his father into academic life and he spent two years at Harvard as a research fellow in bacteriology. But on his return to England he started farming at Thriplow, near his parents' home in Cambridgeshire, and this was the start of a long and distinguished agricultural career.

Though his initial capital was small, Walston managed in the next few years to build up a considerable acreage at the low prices current during the farming depression. Much of it was light chalk, at that time not considered to be very remunerative, but it proved eminently suitable for modern mechanisation. The Thriplow Farm Jersey herd soon became one of the most successful of the breed at shows, to which was added a small stud of Arab horses.

After serving on the Huntingdonshire war agricultural executive committee, Walston's career began to extend outside East Anglia. In 1946 he was appointed director of agriculture in the British occupied zone of Germany and he afterwards acted as Foreign Office agricultural advisor for Germany.

By this time he had decided to enter politics. Walston fought Huntingdon as a Liberal in 1945 but soon decided on Labour as the party of the future. He stood unsuccessfully as a Labour candidate on four occasions: for Cambridgeshire in 1951 and 1955 and for Gainsborough at the 1957 by-election and again in 1959. In 1961 he entered Parliament at last, going to the Upper House as one of the new life peers nominated by Hugh Gaitskell. With the election of the Wilson government in 1964 he was appointed parliamentary under secretary of state for foreign affairs and in 1967 he was moved to a similar post at the Board of Trade.

When Labour went into opposition Walston concentrated on foreign affairs. He had always been an enthusiastic European and was a delegate to the Council of Europe and WEU from 1970 to 1975, the year he was elected a member of the European parliament. His Europeanism was one reason why he became increasingly disillusioned with Labour and in 1981 he was one of the first peers to join the new Social Democratic party. In addition to his estate in Cambridgeshire Walston acquired land in the West Indies. Working against racism became one of the main interests of his later life and he became chairman of the Institute of Race Relations from 1968 to 1971. He had close friendships with some of the leading figures in the new state of Zimbabwe, including President Mugabe. He was a Crown Estate commissioner, 1968-76.

Walston remained throughout his life a serious, but always gregarious farmer. He loved family life in Cambridgeshire and politics intruded only through the hospitality he extended to leading Labour figures at Newton Hall, his parents' old home, and later in the remarkable modern house he built at Thriplow. This he filled with a large art collection, notable for works by contemporary British artists. There he received a flow of foreign guests, the Shah of Iran staying on one occasion and being introduced to a game of darts at the local inn.

The emphasis of his farming switched in later years from milk production to cereals, reflecting the changing demands of the common agricultural policy, though the famous Jersey herd and a beef unit remained integral parts of the Thriplow scene. His was one of the first farms in the country to go over to complete mechanisation of sugar-beet. He recently sold his Cambridge house and moved to Somerset, where he died, but his son Oliver continues successfully to run the Thriplow estate and has, like his father, taken a prominent role in agricultural politics.

Walston married Catherine Macdonald who died in 1978. They had four sons, the eldest of whom was tragically killed in the Lebanon in 1974, and two daughters. In 1979 he married Elizabeth Scott, who survives him.

Marriages

Mr L. Mitchell
and Miss J.M. Bisset
The marriage took place at Cramond Kirk, Edinburgh, on May 25, 1991, of Lloyd, elder son of the late Mr B. Mitchell and Mrs J. Mitchell-Collins, of Strawberry Hill, Middlesex, to Jennifer Mary, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs A.G. Bisset, of Edinburgh.

Mr R.M. Richardson
and Miss V.H. Birkett
The marriage took place on Saturday May 25, at St Mary's, Alderley, of Mr Robin Richardson to Miss Victoria Birkett. The Rev Peter Roberts officiated. The bride who was given away by her brother, Mr Robert Birkett, was attended by the Misses Fiona, Kirsten and Ruth Birkett. Mr Martin McGann was best man.

British-American Associates

British-American Associates are pleased to announce that, from June 1, 1991, the name of the organisation will be British-American-Canadian Associates. This change of name, in the associates' 60th year, reflects the increasing participation of Canada in their programme. The annual ball will be held this year on December 4, at Grosvenor House.

Reed's School, Cobham

The following academic and music awards for 1991 have been made:

6th Form – Music Scholarship: D.A. Briggs, (Reed's).
3rd Form – Academic Scholarship: C.M. Bliznes, (Rokeby).
Academic Exhibitions: B.S. Moralee, (Sherbourne Preparatory); C.N. Batson, (Parkside and Reed's).
2nd Form – Music Scholarship: C.J. Holt, (Bushy Hill Middle).
Music Exhibition: J.D. Hamilton, (Parkside).
1st Form – Academic Scholarship: J.M. Essen, (Esher C of E).
Academic Exhibitions: S.J. Conway, (Wimbledon Chase); M.G. Rhys-Evans, (Westbury House).
Music Scholarship: T.J. St Claire, (Our Lady and St John Southsea).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.R. Abensur
and Miss S.R. Clein
The engagement is announced between Alain, elder son of Mr and Mrs S.I. Abensur, of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Suzi, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.A. Clein, of London, SW14.

Mr D.A. Alfillé
and Miss A.M.J. Reeves
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Alfillé, of Wyck Cottage, Wadhurst, East Sussex, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.J. (Bill) Reeves, of Overys Farm, Ticehurst, East Sussex.

Mr R.D. Ashpole, FRCS
and Dr E.J. Pooley
The engagement is announced between Richard David, only son of Mr and Mrs D.G. Ashpole, of Chesterton, Cambridge, and Emma Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Pooley, of Oadby, Leicestershire.

Mr R.S. Bevan
and Miss R. Kemp
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Dr and Mrs J.S. Bevan, of St John's Wood, London, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Kemp, of Boningale, Near Wolverhampton.

Mr J.E.C. Briant
and Miss R.M. de Iongh
The engagement is announced between Julian, elder son of the late Mr Philip Briant and of Mrs Felicity Briant, of Chelsea, and Ruth daughter of Group Captain and Mrs Basil de Iongh, of Smallburgh, Norfolk.

Mr R.L.S. Churchill
and Miss C.Z. Lancaster
The engagement is announced between Randolph, elder son of Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, and Mrs Churchill, of Westerham, Kent, and Catherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Lancaster, of Kensington, London.

Mr J.C. de C. Scott
and Miss S.A. White
The engagement is announced between James, only son of Lieutenant Commander C.J. de C. Scott, RN, and Mrs Scott, of Blacksmith's Close, Galhampton, Somerset, and Sarah, younger daughter of Mrs Robert White and the late Lieutenant Colonel R.B. White, of Setts Farm House, Chedworth, Gloucestershire.

Mr R.J. Farquhar
and Miss G.A. Murray
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs David Farquhar, of Saline, Fife, and Genelle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Murray, of Quambone, New South Wales.

Mr A.W.D. Douglas
and Miss K. Sidebotham
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Alan and Mary Douglas, Ruthin, North Wales, and Karan, daughter of David and Joyce Sidebotham, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.

Mr F.M. Houghton
and Miss L.M. Hatton
The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs F.M.G. Houghton, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Isobel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs A.H. Hatton, of Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

Mr G.D. Knight
and Miss L.J. Taylor-Young
The engagement is announced between Gavin, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Knight, of Wepham House, Wepham, West Sussex, and Lucinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Taylor-Young, of Nether Hall, Widford, Hertfordshire.

Mr B.M. Hughes
and Miss C.G. Smyth
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.W. Hughes, of Welshpool, Powys, and Chantal, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.P. Smyth, of Henham, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

Sub Lieutenant H.O.D. Mason, RN
and Miss A.G. Feather
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Mason, of Nether Compton, Sherbourne, Dorset, and Anna, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Feather, of Prestwold, Leicestershire.

Mr R.G. McCorquodale
and Miss K. Willett
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs A McCorquodale, of Sydney, Australia, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.R. Willett, of Launceston Place, London.

Mr N.P. Micklewaite
and Miss S.C. Molloy
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Micklewaite, of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.A. Molloy, of Bayswater, London.

Mr C.G.R. Target
and Miss L.M. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs Brian Target, of Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, and Lisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Stewart, of New York City, New York, USA.

University news

Oxford
SOMERVILLE
To honorary fellowships: (Elizabeth) Dilys Powell, Carmen Blacker.

Dinners

Chester Business Club
Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a Vice-President of the European Commission, was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business Club held last night at the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. Mr Tom Hunt, president, was in the chair and Mr Christopher Macdonald, chairman, and Mr Bob Clough-Parker, secretary, also spoke. The Mayor of Chester was among those present.

Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen
The Master, Wardens and Court of Assistants of the Company of Weavers, Fullers and Shearmen of Exeter held a dinner at Tuckers Hall, Exeter, last night in honour of Mr A.D. Tasker, Master of the Society of Merchant Venturers of Bristol, and Brigadier B.C. Jackman, Commander of 43 Infantry Brigade. Mr M.J. Commin, Master, presided.

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
Sir Idris Pearce, President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, was host at a dinner held yesterday at 12 Great George Street in honour of Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Walt Whitman, poet and essayist, West Hill, New York, 1819; Walter Sickert, painter, Munich, 1860.

DEATHS: Tintoretto, painter, Venice, 1594; Franz Joseph Haydn, composer, Vienna, 1809; George Green, mathematician and physicist, Sneiton, near Nottingham, 1841; Elizabeth Blackwell, first woman doctor of medicine, Hastings, 1910.

The Peace of Vereeniging ending the Boer War, 1902. The Battle of Jutland, 1916. South Africa became a republic and withdrew from the British Commonwealth, 1961.

Luncheon

Institute of Legal Executives
Mr Malcolm Butler, President of the Institute of Legal Executives, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Ironmongers' Hall. Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, and Mr Alexander Carlile, QC, MP, were among those present.

Park Tower Luncheon Club
Mr Derek Picot, General Manager of the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel, and Miss Georgina Sullivan, public relations manager, were the hosts at a monthly luncheon of the Park Tower Luncheon Club held on Thursday May 30, 1991 in The Restaurant, 101 Knightsbridge. The guests were Miss Sally Burton, Mr Patrick Ryecart, Mr Neil Mackwood, Miss Lana Poole, Princess Natasha Boldaro, Mr Jon Ashworth and Mr Bruce Wilson.

Service dinner

Britannia RN College
Mr Chris Patten, MP, was the guest of honour at a combined wardroom and gunroom mess dinner held last night at Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth. Commander C.J.N. Morrison, commander of the college, presided.

Stonyhurst College

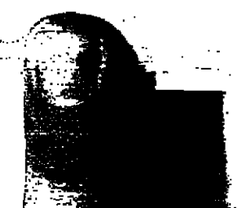
Stonyhurst College has awarded the following scholarships:

Major Scholarships
1. Luke Fryer, St John's Beaumont – Stonyhurst Association Scholarship and Sharples Mathematics Prize.
2. Joseph Bussutil, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.
3. Richard Owusu-Awuah, St Richard's Bredenbury Court.
4. Wayne Woo, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.
5. Adrian Forbes, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.

Scholarships
6. Richard Granam, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.
7. William Stevens, St John's Beaumont.
8. Thomas Lo, St John's Beaumont.
9. Mark Morris, St John's Beaumont.
10 Christopher Chan, St Mary's Hall, Stonyhurst.

Minor Scholarships
11. John Cartwright-Terry, St Martin's Newton.
12. Daniel Bradley, Winterfold House.

Music Scholarships
Simon Bolton, Westminster Cathedral Choir School.



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Be silent, everyone, in the presence of the Lord, for he is coming from his holy dwelling-place.
Zechariah 2:13 GNB

BIRTHS

ARMITAGE - On May 29th, at The Rosie, Cambridge, to Susan, (née Sherard) and Richard, a daughter, Helen Alice, a sister for Mark and Rachel.

BRYAN-BROWN - On May 25th, to Sarah, and Adam, a son, Michael Harris Robert (Harry), a brother for Celia.

BUSCKHARDT - On May 27th, at Guy's Hospital, to Katie (née May) and Simon, a daughter, Emily Kate.

FEAVER - On May 26th 1991, to Lynn (née Stapleton) and Lance, a daughter, Jemma Forbes, a sister for Katie.

GREENE - On May 23rd, to Susan and Kevin, a son, Daniel Joseph. Many thanks to the staff at North Middlesex Hospital.

JENKINS - On May 29th 1991, at Leicester General Hospital, to Debra and Steven, a daughter, Chanel Lauren, a sister for Elliot Steven.

JUSTER - On May 21st, to Sarah (née Kellett) and David, a daughter, Tabitha Florence.

LYLE - On May 24th, to Bella and Alex, a son.

MILLER - On May 29th, Oak Apple Day, to Mary (née Gifford) and James, a fine third son, Bartholomew Arthur Peter, a brother for Thomas and Edmund.

MOUNSEY-HEYSHAM - On May 29th, to Penelope and Giles, a daughter.

PAUL - On May 25th, to Kate (née Hopkins) and David, a son.

PRIOR - On May 25th, to Sarah (née Kay) and Stephen, a son, Matthew Laurence Melville.

TRAVERS - On April 15th, to Sheila (née Kilforan) and David, a daughter, Jennifer Claire, a sister for Rosamond.

TRELAWNY - On April 28th, to Deborah (née Walker) and Andrew, a son, James.

WATERS - On May 29th, to Sally (née Roberts) and Julian, a son, William Hector Penrose.

WESTHEAD - On May 25th, at The Portland Hospital, to Raymond and Mary, a son, Andrew Fletcher.

WHITE - On May 18th, at The Louise Margaret Maternity Wing, Aldershot, to Moira (née Softley) and John, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

ROWLAND:JEFFRIES - On May 31st 1941 at St Peter's Church, Peterafield, Hants., Robin to Patricia, now at Seaford, Sussex. Te Deum Laudamus.

DEATHS

ATTWOOD - On May 29th, peacefully at home, courageous in her long illness, (Eileen) Leslie, dearly loved wife of Anthony and mother of Michael and Peter. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Putney, at 11.30 am on Monday June 3rd, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey.

CLEAVE - On May 29th, Alan John, aged 75, at home with his family. Husband of Joan, father of Diana, Jessamy and David. Our deep appreciation for the gentle care by all his nurses. Funeral Service at St Marys, Sundridge, at 2.45pm on June 4th. Immediate family flowers only. Donations if desired to Parkinson's Society, c/o W. Hodges, 37 Quakers Hall Lane, Sevenoaks.

CLEVERLEY - On Monday May 27th 1991, George Cleverley, well known and much respected Bespoke Shoemaker, aged 92 years at Whips Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, London. Sadly missed by all his friends and colleagues at New and Lingwood Limited. Funeral service at City of London Crematorium, Manor Park, London, E12 on Thursday 6th June, at 10.30 am. Flowers to English, 24 Electric Parade, George Lane, South Woodford, London E18.

COCHRANE - On May 28th, at Fairways, Littlestone, Harriet May (Wyn), aged 90 years. Funeral at Charing Crematorium, June 6th at 12 noon.

EBELL - On May 26th 1991, Dorothy in Perth, Western Australia. In Memory of my much loved Nanna, far in distance but never far in spirit. All my love to Pop and my family. My thoughts are with you all.

ELLIOTT - On May 29th 1991, after a long illness, Judith, of Curlews, Trevone, Cornwall. Daughter of the late Reverend J.S. and Mrs Elliot of Aldbourne. Requiem at St Saviour's Church, Trevone, Tuesday June 4th at 2 pm, followed by interment at Padstow.

FLOREY - On May 29th 1991, peacefully, Frank, beloved husband of Peggy and much loved father of Margaret (Hilly) and much loved grandpa of Marion, Vanessa and Perran. Private cremation, followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Dery's Church, Northmoor, Oxon., on Thursday June 6th at 3 pm. Memorial Service at Hurst Pier Point College, Sussex, later. Flowers to the Church or donations to The Rifleman's Aid Society, Royal Green Jackets, Peninsular Barracks, Winchester, Hants.

HANSON - On May 28th, at Thirsk, Rev. Tyrrell, Emeritus Professor, Hull University, after a short illness. Gifts in memory to Irish School of Ecumenics, cheques payable to Punch Robson Solicitors, 35 Albert Road, Middlesborough.

HAYES On May 30th 1991, in a Bath hospital, Crofton Herbert Hayes, of Kelston, near Bath. Dearest husband of Dorothy. Funeral Service St Nicholas Church, Keiston, near Bath, on Wednesday June 5th at 12 noon, followed by interment. Flowers may be sent to the Church or to Jollys Funeral Directors, 7 Windsor Place, Upper Bristol Road, Bath.

HESE - On May 29th 1991, Werner Hans (Bill), peacefully at home, Carn Cottage, Fisher Street, Cambridge, formerly of Bombay and Hamburg, on the eve of his 88th birthday. Dear husband of Antonia Boyes-Dring.

HODGKINSON - On May 29th 1991, Millicent Frances (Nicol of Ardmarnoch). Loved mother of Anthea, unique grandmother of Bebe, Piers, Laura and the late Annabelle. Enquiries, John Hodes (081) 969-1819.

LYNOTT - On May 30th 1991, peacefully at her home in Hove, Betty Jane, beloved wife of Patrick. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Norton Road, Hove, at 10 am on Monday June 3rd. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Sussex Cancer Treatment Fund, c/o Hanningtons Funeral Directors Ltd., 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1RD, tel: (0273) 778753.

McCOMAS - On May 24th 1991, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, Colonel M.C. (Mike) McComas MBE, late Royal Artillery. Very dearly loved husband of Peggy, loving father of Anne, Diana and Peter and proud grandfather of Kate, David and Helen, Alice and Rosie, James and Sarah. Funeral Service at Boyton Church at 1.45 pm on Friday May 31st, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Oxfam.

ROBERTS - On May 30th, peacefully after a long illness, Dorothy Brenda (née Haggie) of The Old Orchard, Keasden, Thirsk, North Yorks. Beloved wife of the late Brig. Michael Roberts, C.B.E., D.S.O., much loved mother of Belinda Lunsmoore and grandmother of Jessica and Justin. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Leek, Thirsk, on Monday June 3rd at 11 am.

SOUTHIN - On May 23rd 1991, peacefully after a short illness, Christopher Jack, ARIBA, aged 62. Beloved husband of Merle (Nicky) and dearest father of Barnaby and Rebecca. Thanksgiving Service to be held on Thursday June 6th at 12.30 pm at St Augustine's Church, Highbury, followed by cremation at Islington Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Rendell & Foster Funeral Directors, 83 Green Lanes, London, N16 9BX.

WALSTON - On May 29th, Harry, suddenly in hospital. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be held later.

WATSON - On May 30th, peacefully in hospital, Joseph Stanley (John) Watson, M.B.E., Q.C., aged 80, dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, loving father of Eve, Bridget, Amanda and Caroline. Private cremation, followed by Thanksgiving Service at St Michael's Church, Mickleham, on Tuesday June 4th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. If desired donations may be made to the N.S.P.C.C.

WOODD WALKER - On May 28th, Geoffrey Basil, aged 90 years. Husband of Ulla. Funeral Service June 10th at 11.30 am at Colchester Borough Cemetery. Donations to Historic Churches Preservation Trust c/o Hunnaball Funeral Service Ltd., 5 Crouch Street, Colchester, Essex.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

ROWSELL Gladys, 31st May 1966. 'The loss of a mother severs a chord in the heart'. Peter, Rod, Joan, John and Tony.

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1. The scheme was approved by a special resolution passed at the annual general meeting of AFP held on 7 February 1990.

This notice summarises the main features of the scheme. Full details of the scheme were set out in the letter to shareholders and explanatory memorandum dated 26 October 1990.

2. The scheme only applies to shares in AFP which are purchased by a vendor as principal in the ordinary course of trading on the Australian Stock Exchange Limited ("ASX") or, if the ASX permits, on the Amsterdam Stock Exchange.

3. The purchase price (exclusive of stamp duty) AFP would pay will equal the price paid by the relevant vendor, subject to a maximum of 105 % of the average closing sale prices on the ASX for the five preceding trading days.

3. AFP will specify to each vendor the maximum number of shares AFP may be required to purchase and the maximum price it may pay. Purchases by AFP under the scheme will be limited to 35,300,000 shares (approximately 10 % of issued ordinary shares).

4. Purchases may be made at any time between 11 December 1990 and 7 December 1991 (both dates inclusive).

5. AFP will pay stamp duty on purchases under the scheme and a subsidiary of AFP will pay to each vendor a commercial amount of 0.3 % of the purchase price.

6. AFP will disclose to the ASX and the Amsterdam Stock Exchange details of any shares purchased by it by 9:30 a.m. Sydney time on the trading day following the purchase.

7. While the proposal remains in force, AFP will notify the ASX five business days prior to the end of each month to the effect that the proposal is still in force.

8. The proposal will be discontinued in the following circumstances:

(i) once AFP has acquired the number of shares referred to in paragraph 3 above.

(ii) in the event that AFP gives a notice of discontinuance of the proposal to the ASX, or

(iii) at the expiry of 12 months from 7 December 1990.

Whereupon notification will also be made to shareholders by publishing a notice in a national newspaper in Great Britain and Australia.

9. The directors of AFP have no present intention to make available for sale any shares held by them or by companies associated with them whether a vendor may acquire shares pursuant to the proposal.

P.M. McMahon
Company Secretary

LEGAL NOTICES

ANDERSON & COMPANY (TEA MERCHANTS) LIMITED
Registered number: 1950374.
Former company name: Betjeman & Barton (London) Limited.
Trading name: Anderson & Company (Tea Merchants) Limited, Betjeman & Barton (London) Limited.
Nature of business: Retail and Wholesale Distribution of Tea and Other Related Products.
Trade classification: 2.
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 21 May 1991.
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: C. Hoare & Co., Administrative Receiver.
Address: Chief Basher (office holder no: DO5740) of 26 New Street Square London EC4A 3LN.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF CREDITORS
BTB GLASS LIMITED
EUROLEAGUE ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(FORMERLY UPVC LIMITED)
CROSS COUNTRY LIGHTING LIMITED
SOUTHERN COUNTIES GLASS CO LIMITED
LEWES & HAILSHAM GLASS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in pursuance of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Smith & Williamson, No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS, on Friday 14 June 1991 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of having the Report of the Joint Administrative Receivers laid before them, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Joint Administrative Receivers.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. A person is entitled to vote at the meeting only if he has given to the Receivers, not later than 12.00 pm on the business day before the above day fixed for the meeting, details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the Company, and this claim has been duly admitted by the Receivers. A Creditor entitled to attend and vote at the above meeting may appoint a proxy or proxies to attend and vote instead of him.

DATED this 31 day of May 1991
P J Veldon & P G Mills
Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
VAUGHAN-ARNCLIFFE ESTATES LIMITED
Registered number: 2411693.
Former company name: No 122 Leicester Limited. Trading names: Vaughan-Arncliffe Estates Limited. Nature of business: Property Development. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 17 May 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Westpac Banking Corporation. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin Graham Bird and Richard James Rees. Address: Price Waterhouse Southgate House 61 Millstone Lane Leicester LE1 5QA.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)
In the Matter of CONNORS (BOW LANE) LIMITED

Notice is hereby given that Geoffrey C A Morphitis of Cape and Dalgleish, 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 21 May 1991.
G C A MORPHITIS
LIQUIDATOR

Re: Otli-Tek Business Machines Limited
and
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Gable House, 239 Regents Park Road, London, N3 3LF on Monday the 3rd June 1991, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Segal Davis Rose, Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. IG1 1JQ between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from Thursday 30th May 1991.
Dated this 17th day of May 1991
P Rowling
Director/Secretary

IN THE MATTER of DRENICEN LIMITED
Trading As QUINTESSENCE THAMESIDE
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace,, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 22nd May 1991.
DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.,
Chartered Accountants
P. O. Box 553

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Lumière (071-836 0691).

♦ **DANCES WITH WOLVES (12):** Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Plaza (071-497 9999) Warner (071-439 0791).

♦ **GREEN CARD (12):** Marriage of convenience becomes unbearable when

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

slobbish Gerard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

♦ **GUILTY BY SUSPICION (15):** Hollywood witch-hunt tale — muted as drama, but decently acted. Robert De Niro, Annette Bening; director, Irwin Winkler.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **HAMLET (U):** Mel Gibson as the moody Prince — a decent, lively performance but lacking bold imagination. Director, Franco Zeffirelli.
Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compelling drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
Premiere (071-439 4470)

♦ **L.A. STORY (15):** Steve Martin's weatherman finds true love in wacky Los Angeles. Whirlwind fantasy comedy.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **MERMAIDS (15):** Synthetic comedy of family life. Winona Ryder appeals: preening Cher grates on the nerves. Director, Richard Benjamin.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Swiss Cottage (071-722 5505) West End (071-930 5232/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **MISERY (18):** Oscar-winner Kathy Bates as the number one fan tormenting a best-selling novelist (James Caan). Sprightly thriller from Stephen King's novel; director, Rob Reiner.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5505) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDENSTERN ARE DEAD (PG): Tom Stoppard directs his word-spinning play. Attractive visuals, though audience fatigue eventually sets in. Gary Oldman, Tim Roth, Richard Dreyfuss.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

THESE FOOLISH THINGS (PG): Bertrand Tavernier's chamber piece about a dying father (Dirk Bogarde) tended by his daughter (Jane Birkin).
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

WHITE FANG (PG): Tame Disney version of Jack London's novel about a boy and his wolf-dog in the Klondike. Director, Randal Kleiser.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

♦ **WHITE PALACE (18):** Torrid tale of mismatched lovers — burger waitress Susan Sarandon (excellent) and the upwardly mobile James Spader.
Plaza (071-497 9999).

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
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■ **ALL FOR LOVE:** Dryden's *Antony and Cleopatra*: a thin-blooded James Laurenson but a rapturous Diana Rigg.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☐ **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA:** Talawa Theatre's touring production: patchy but powerful in places.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC2 (071-387 9629). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm. 180mins.

■ **CARMEN JONES:** Classy production of the Hammerstein/Bizet all-black musical, packed with pzzazz.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA:** Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER:** Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR:** Timothy Spall splendidly yobbish in sprightly Gogol revival.
Greenwich, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins. Final week.

☑ **THE HOMECOMING:** Warren Mitchell and others ensnared by Chene Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival. Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). Tonight, tomorrow, 8pm, mat tomorrow 5pm. 135mins. Closes tomorrow.

■ **INVISIBLE FRIENDS:** Uneasily comic Ayckbourn "family show", about a girl's fantasies turning real.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mats today, 2.30pm, tomorrow, 10.30am and 2.30pm. 120mins.

☐ **KIT AND THE WIDOW — LAVISHLY RE-MOUNTED:** Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Stilgoe.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.40pm. 135mins.

☑ **THE LAST DAYS OF DON JUAN:** Sexual thuggery in Seville, handsome but unfocused version.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 165mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT:** Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **MATADOR:** The rise of The Boy from Nowhere: great dancing and sets but a weak second half.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm. 150mins.

☑ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:** Roger Allam, Susan Fleetwood spar in Bill Alexander's eloquent production.
Barbican (as left), Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mins.

☑ **THE PHILANTHROPIST:** Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☑ **THE PLOUGH AND THE STARS:** Judi Dench and Niamh Cusack stand out in Sam Mendes' otherwise disappointing production.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat 2pm. 170mins.

☑ **RE: JOYCE!:** Maureen Lipman's pleasing ramble around Joyce Grenfell.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9988). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **SAILOR, BEWARE!:** Jolly revival of the excellent Fifties farce, with Jane Freeman in elephantine voice.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 145mins.

☐ **SAME OLD MOON:** Irish girl discovers sex, literature and paternal love in over-familiar tale.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3667). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 105mins.

☑ **SILLY COW:** Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred on Dawn French.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 130mins.

☐ **TOP GIRLS:** Caryl Churchill's pungent play revealing the opportunities missed in women's fight for power.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

☐ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** Peter Hall's sensitive production with Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryall.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 140mins. Final week.

☐ **WAITING FOR THE PSYCHIC:** Women bruised by men but unbowed: Russian play superbly acted by visiting Moscow company.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Road, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. 90mins.

☐ **A WING AND A PRAYER:** Alan Franks' neatish wheelchair comedy set in a high-class nursing home.
New End, 27 New End, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tues-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm. 120mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☑ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . ■ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . ■ Les Miserables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . ☑ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . ☐ The Rehearsal: Garrick (071-379 6107). . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ☑ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ☑ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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WEEKEND EVENTS

LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC: Under Kurt Sanderling, the LAPO ends its British tour with performances of Shostakovich's epic Eighth Symphony and Haydn's Symphony No 39.
Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-782 8282), tonight, 8pm
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), Sunday 7.30pm

WIGMORE NINETIETH BIRTHDAY: London's most elegant hall celebrates another milestone, with a recital of pieces written in 1901, the year it opened. A splendid line-up of artists includes the mezzo Sarah Walker, the cellist Steven Isserlis and the highly-rated Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko. The celebration season continues until July 1, with artists such as Elly Ameling, the Beaux Arts Trio, the National Ensemble, and Trevor Pinnock and the English Concert.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), tonight, 7.30pm.

NORTHERN SINFONIA: Heinrich Schiff conducts the young German violinist Christian Tetzlaff in a programme which includes Haydn's Violin Concerto in C and Mozart's Rondo in C for violin and orchestra (K373).
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight 7.45pm

TOSCA: Americans Samuel Ramey (Scarpia) and Nell Shicoff (Cavaradossi) command John Cox's revival of the Zeffirelli production, with Hildegard Behrens less well cast as Tosca. Michel Plasson conducts
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight 7.30pm.

PETER GRIMES: Tim Albery's impressive, abstract vision of Britten's opera is vividly performed by the English National Opera orchestra and cast. Distinctive performances from Philip Langridge as the protagonist and Josephine Barstow as Ellen Orford. Noel Davies conducts.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight 7.30pm.

BOBBY WELLINS QUARTET: Bebop solos abound as the Scottish tenor sax-player joins Jonathan Gee for an evening of standards.
Tenor Clef, 35 Coronet Street, London (071-729 2476/2440), 8pm.

THE GARDEN VENTURE: Stage two of the Royal Opera initiative to encourage new small-scale operas. This time six newly commissioned chamber operas, mostly by young composers, are featured in a season at the Riverside Studios until June 8. Starts tonight.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (081-748 3354), tonight 7.30pm.

THE VIOLENT FEMMES: First live dates in five years for Gordon Gano's eccentric all-male pop trio.
Town and Country Club, Highgate Road, London NW5 (071-284 0303), tonight, 7pm.

SCOTTISH BALLET: The Princess Royal attends the company's gala premiere of Frederick Ashton's *Five Brahms Waltzes in the Manner of Isadora Duncan*, held in aid of the Save the Children Fund.
Reid Hall Castle Street, Forfar (0307 65101), tonight, 7pm.

BATH FESTIVAL: Musica Antiqua Praque (St John's Church, today 1pm)/The Nash Ensemble (Assembly Rooms, tonight 7.30pm)/Melvyn Tan (Malmesbury Abbey, tonight 7.30pm)/Sergei Kuryokhin (Guildhall, tonight 8pm). Tomorrow's events include a Serenade Evening with the Suk Chamber Orchestra of Czechoslovakia (The Forum, tomorrow 7.30pm).
Festival Box Office Bath, Avon (0225 463362/ 465411). Festival continues until June 9.

FLEADH 1991: Eminent Irish folk and rock artists, among them Christy Moore, Van Morrison, The Pogues, The Chieftains and Mary Coughlan, in an all-day event in north London's Finsbury Park. The gates on Sunday open at 11am; the music runs from noon to 11pm. Tickets are £22.50 on the day (081-961 2474 for information).

Ghostly whispers of Hitchcock

DONALD COOPER

THEATRE

Abiding Passions
Palace, Watford

ZOLA'S *Thérèse Raquin* is the stuff of *film noir*: the despised husband, the uncontrollable passion of the adulterers — obsession turning to violence, then guilt and recrimination — claustrophobically trapped in a prison more spiritual than physical.

These cinematic thoughts are prompted by Derrick Goodwin's programme notes for his stage adaptation of the novel. Seen in Scarborough and elsewhere last year, the work takes Hitchcock rather than *Double Indemnity* or *The Postman Always Rings Twice* as its model. Zola, that arch realist, would be amused to see the result: a rip-roaring melodrama, throbbing with high theatricality.

Goodwin's own direction establishes the Hitchcock flavour: everyday banality suddenly engulfed by nightmare. The old codgers attending the Raquin household for their weekly domino evening are beautifully judged by Timothy Kightley and Christopher Godwin, while Peter Forbes's pampered young Camille bears the mark of one of Alan Ayckbourn's actors: faintly preposterous but absolutely believable.

The light touch extends to his murder, a drunken, romping three-some where Thérèse laughs as she brandishes a knife and her lover tries to joke it all off as he pinions the flailing Camille in an attempt to calm him. The Act I curtain aims, successfully, at shock impact. Thereafter, the Gothic sets in, with thunderstorms, empty chairs moving, windows rattling and a restless night for Thérèse (blood-red glow, mysterious light rippling over her face, ghostly whispers) that makes Lady Macbeth's sleeping problems look like a mild attack of dyspepsia.

The tone becomes less certain. The old buffers turn into caricatures, and David Schofield, apparently wearing a small half-rug on his head, alternates between dashingly melodramatic mannerisms and the naturalistic depiction of lust that made his guilty lover so powerful in the first half, despite his depressing *coiffure*.

As the victim's mother who is stricken by paralysis into a silently vengeful presence, Gwen Watford expresses hurt reproach rather than fury; Beatie Edney's ripe young Thérèse needs much more vocal variation to match her facial expressiveness. Michael Pavelka's set, combining cosy clutter with looming menace, hits the Hitchcock nail enjoyably on the head.

MARTIN HOYLE



Trapped: David Schofield (left), Christopher Godwin, Gwen Watford, Timothy Kightley and Beatie Edney

THEATRE

The Good Soldier
Warehouse, Croydon

A SOVEREIGN remedy for discontent is to read a turn-of-the-century novel by Henry James or, in this case, Ford Madox Ford, whose characters come to maturity, if that is the word, before the first world war. They are leisured, upper-class ladies and gentlemen, pathetically ignorant of one another's emotional nature though brimful of pretty phrases to express what they believe they know. What makes watching them flounder around so weird an experience is that they look so like us. The women's eyes sparkle, the men wear moustaches, yet their terror of social taboo and manly ignorance render them as remote from contemporary life as if they were up an Amazon backwater.

Here are the Dowells: he a naïve and bloodless young American millionaire, and Florence, his well-born Connecticut wife who married him in order to scamper back to Europe and carry on with her lover. And here are the Ashburnhams, whom they meet at a Rhineland spa in the summer of 1904. He is an officer with an estate in Hampshire, who starts a nine-year affair with Florence, tacitly permitted by his Catholic wife, Leonora, for reasons never quite revealed.

So there is poor daffy Dowell, deceived and betrayed by the three people he claims to love best in all the world. What is so artful in the novel — and has been brilliantly caught in this stage version (by the Bristol-based Public Parts Theatre Company) — is Dowell's rambling account of his piecemeal discovery of most of the affair.

Simon Walter, the fatuous, slightly stooping Dowell, is the principal narrator, but the other three repeat parts of his account, or sing phrases sadly in canon (haunting music by Thomas Johnson). Crucial scenes of discovery are approached from different viewpoints.

There are only two important men in the story but half-a-dozen women, and Maudie Smith, a coquettish Florence, also plays Edward's other charmers. In one important scene three women have to be on stage together, which Julia Limer's direction ingeniously manages by having Smith don the hint of a dress for the third woman.

Tim Crouch gives charm and presence to Captain Ashburnham, Ford's least-realised character, but Karen Hayes is not so successful at suggesting pre-1914 deportment and tone. Though she, presumably, is the arch-criminal, her cone of hair makes her appear just too much like a witch.

The production, adorned with Madeleine Millar's elegant set of skeletal picture frames, travels next to Salisbury, Birmingham and Leeds. It is worth catching, not least for making one thankful to live at the end of the 20th century and not the beginning.

JEREMY KINGSTON

THEATRE

A Long Way from Home
Tricycle

YEMI Ajibade's likeable if loose play is set in the Soho of the Fifties, centre of the tawdry London that Colin MacInnes evoked in *Absolute Beginners* and *City of Spades*. The Maltese are moving into Dean Street, without obvious interference from the police. Club-owners such as Papa Different, who comes from Nigeria, are beginning to wonder if life wouldn't be easier in Paddington or Kilburn. After all, the helpful Peter Rachman is ensuring that the black population in those areas keeps rising.

Ajibade's play and Nicolas Kent's production prove stronger at creating atmosphere than at generating tension and momentum. The main plot involves the fate of the Lagoon Club and its proprietor, played with grizzled authority by the author himself. Will his sidekick Tomi (Jude Akuwudike) succeed in taking control and pushing the place upmarket? Or does the future lie with smirking heavies with Mediterranean accents? But for better or worse, the focus shifts, the attention wanders, and these questions only intermittently seem central.

Plotlets are, however, all around. There is the matter of the human "rats", or stowaways newly arrived from Nigeria, whom Papa Different allows to hide in his cellar before giving them new identities and sending them to face "John Bull", as the white English are called. One in particular, a gormless hulk nicely played by Mo Sesay, turns out to be quite a handful. Then there is the case of the pistol-toting Parker (Ade Sapara) who is just out of prison, and of Rosa (Sharon Hinds) who has abandoned her nursing career for some Anglo-Saxon toff, and of Mary (Jenny Bolt), a white Northerner whose man has run off with their child.

Ajibade manages neither to investigate these dramatic bits and pieces very fully nor to draw them into a satisfying whole. Yet there is a sense in which his very failure helps to illustrate his point. The little world he describes is itself incomplete, confused, provisional. The Lagoon is a haven in the middle of the British Babylon; but there is tension between the Africans and West Indians on its premises, and, beyond that, a feeling that things are falling apart. That is indeed what they sensationally do in the last frame. A couple of shots ring out in the dingy green pantry where the action is set, and the old decencies are dead and gone.

On the face of it, Ajibade's play cries out for creative pruning. That would sharpen his characterisation, bring out his humour. Yet *something might be lost. This is a disorderly* tribute to order, an incoherent lament for the disappearance of a kind of coherence: as the title ruefully puts it, a long way from home.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Leisurely leader: Kurt Sanderling

CONCERTS

LAPO/Sanderling
Festival Hall

THIS is no whistle-stop tour: the Los Angeles Philharmonic is spending nine days in Britain. But I imagine about three days passes each time Kurt Sanderling conducts Bruckner's Fourth Symphony. The veteran German certainly gives new currency to the phrase "no hurry". As he crept through the second movement, I checked that Bruckner did indeed mark it "andante quasi allegretto". It seemed nearer "quasi coma" here.

But leisure has its advantages. For instance, it allows time for the contemplation of beauty, and the LA Phil has plenty. The violins, which had occasional wiry edges in Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto (a neat if scarcely combustible performance by Richard Goode), bloomed strongly in Bruckner, and there was some superbly drilled viola and cello playing in the andante's exposed lines. The heavy brass barked out the scherzo's triplets like pit bull terriers at play, and earlier the horns had spearheaded a memorable climax to the epic first movement.

Indeed, when the orchestra was allowed to surge, as it was at the finale's outset, from a whisper to a Promethean roar in one smooth crescendo, the results were thrilling. But Sanderling found fewer tensions in Bruckner than there are mountains in a Dutch landscape. Between the sonorous tuttis the music sagged. Even the scherzo lost pace within moments of its electrifying opening. The dominant impression was of a fine orchestra never made to sweat. Esa-Pekka Salonen, its incoming music director, must turn up the heat.

The LA Phil is playing no American music on this tour, not even one of those fizzy, eight-minute curtain-raisers usually dished up on these occasions. But, by chance, an eloquent new American piece was heard in the Festival Hall on Tuesday.

Joan Tower's *Sequoia*, given its British premiere by the Philharmonia under the admirable Leonard Slatkin's direction, was supposed to resemble in shape one of those giant redwood trees: thousands of small particles held in shape on a huge structure. In fact Tower's score was much more mobile than its arboreal title suggested: racing string lines, punchy brass passages and washes of percussion were meshed expertly. The style did veer between Copland-like consonances and Stravinsky in his rhythmic-thrash mood, but the overall impression was of a well-organised musical mind at work.

RICHARD MORRISON

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WORD-WATCHING

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CHABOUK
(c) A Persian horsewhip, of the kind used to punish cads in the novels of Trollope and Wodehouse. It had been formerly anglicised as *chawbuck*, from the Persian and Urdu *chabuk*: "Drag forward that fakir, and cut his robe to tatters on his back with your chabouks."

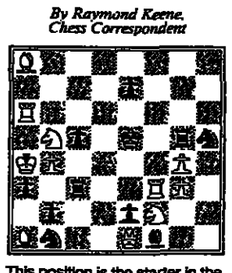
MADID
(c) Wet, moist, from the Latin *madere* to be wet: "The very ground is madid and bedew'd with drops that distil from thine eyes."

STRIG
(a) The stalk of a leaf, fruit, or flower, hence to remove the strig or stalk from currants etc, orig. obsc.: "Birds will strip a currant-bush of its fruit so effectively as to leave nothing but the bare strigs."

LEDDEN
(b) Language, dialect, speech, from OE *leoden* language, *leode* people, confused with *laeden* Latin: Spenser: "Those that do to Cyathia expound/The ledden of strange languages in charge."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax
6.30 BBC Breakfast News
9.05 Children's BBC with Simon Parkin: Defenders of the Earth (r) 9.25 Ipso Facto: Discipline (r) 10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays 10.25 Pinny's House (r) 10.35 Lassie: A Time for Courage (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather
11.05 Golf: The Dunhill British Masters. Steve Rider introduces coverage of the morning's play from the Duke's course at Woburn Golf and Country Club. Including at 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.55 Regional News and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)
1.50 Who's Bluffing Who? Ulrika Jonsson and Richard Cartridge host the last in the series of intuitive game shows
2.15 Film: The Return of Captain Invincible (1982). Zany Australian spoof of the *Superman* films starring Alan Arkin as a former caped crusader, who flew off into the sunset following allegations of anti-American activities in the McCarthy era. When the world is threatened by the villainous Mr Midnight (Christopher Lee), the Australian government tracks down the super-hero, who is now a *down-and-out alcoholic*. Directed by Philippe Mora
3.45 Tom and Jerry
3.50 Children's BBC with Andi Peters: Quick Draw McGraw. Cartoon (r) 4.00 A Bear Behind (r) 4.10 Rude Dog and the Dweebs. Cartoon (r) 4.35 The Legend of Tim Tyler. Fourth of a 13-part drama series (r) 5.00 Newsround 5.10 *The Girl from Tomorrow*. Drama series about a girl from the year 3000. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide; 5.40 Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. The award-winning actress Jodie Foster publicises her latest film, *The Silence of the Lambs*
7.30 Joint Account. Tedious role-reversal sitcom starring Hannah Gordon and Peter Egan as the bank manager and her stay-at-home husband. Belinda and David both seem on the verge of *extra-marital affairs (r)*. (Ceefax)
8.00 Fast Friends. Quiz show hosted by Les Dawson. (Ceefax)
8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. One-joke sitcom about the ultimate social climber. Hyacinth (Patricia Routledge) pays a cultural visit to her favourite stately home (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional News and weather
9.30 The Sharp End. The final episode of Roy Clarke's enjoyable comedy-drama starring the splendid Gwen Taylor as the head of a debt collecting agency and James Cosmo as her bungling assistant. (Ceefax)

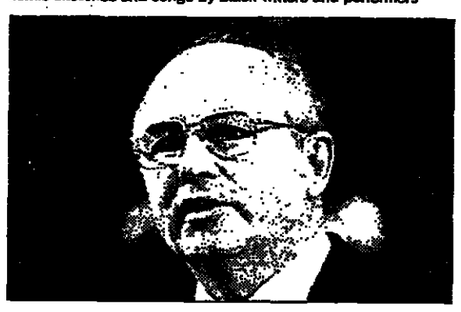


Drug buster: Gene Hackman as a New York cop (10.20pm)

10.20 Film: The French Connection (1971)
● CHOICE: Made with enormous energy and professionalism by William Friedkin, director of *The Exorcist*, *The French Connection* was a huge commercial success and won five Oscars. After years as a valuable supporting player, Gene Hackman finally made it to stardom with a stylish and authentic performance as the New York narcotics cop, "Popeye" Doyle. His trademarks are a pork pie hat and an obsessional pursuit of his quarry, culminating in a car chase as gripping and as skilfully filmed as the more famous one in *Bullitt*. The story is based on the real case of a drugs bust involving American and French detectives and draws much of its power from Friedkin's quasi-documentary style. Taking his cameras out into the streets of New York, Friedkin captures the vibrancy of the city and the mounting excitement of the police investigation as the net gradually closes. A sequel was inevitable. (Ceefax)
12.00 Film: The Fly (1958, b/w). Famous horror classic about a scientist (Al Hedison) who invents a machine that can transmit and reassemble atoms. Things go wrong when, during an experiment in which Hedison attempts to transmit himself, he fails to notice that a fly has entered the chamber. Although remade by David Cronenberg in 1985, with the addition of startling special effects, the original still holds its power. With Vincent Price and Herbert Marshall. Directed by Kurt Neumann 1.30am Weather

BBC 2

6.45am Open University. Energy and Rockets. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 The Solent Way: Browndown to Emsworth (r)
8.45 Past and Present Preserved. A tour of the Kroller Muller Museum in The Netherlands which houses the Van Gogh collection (r)
9.00 Film: Undercover Maisie (1947, b/w). Maisie (Ann Sothern) is hired by the Los Angeles police to foil a gang of confidence tricksters. Directed by Harry Beaumont
10.25 Film: Dangerous Mission (1954). Crime thriller starring *Twin Peaks*'s Piper Laurie as a salesgirl who inadvertently witnesses the murder of a man in a New York nightclub. Fearing for her life, she goes on the run, pursued by an assassin (Vincent Price) and a detective (Victor Mature). Originally filmed in 3-D, the story now appears distinctly flat. Directed by Louis King
11.40 A Monk from the Marble Temple. A documentary following the induction of novice Buddhist monks in Thailand (r)
12.30 The Model World of Robert Symes (r) 1.20 Pie in the Sky (r)
1.35 Show Jumping. Emirates Airlines Cup from Hickstead
2.00 News and weather followed by Weekend Outlook
2.10 Golf and Show Jumping. The Dunhill British Masters golf tournament from Woburn and show jumping from Hickstead
6.00 Film: Seven Seas to Calais (1963). An American/Italian co-production, ostensibly about the life of the Elizabethan adventurer Sir Francis Drake (Rod Taylor), but an excuse for a great deal of swashbuckling. Directed by Rudolph Mate
7.45 What the Papers Say. The week's press coverage
8.00 Public Eye: The Treatment of Asthma. James Wilkinson investigates the rise in the respiratory disease's mortality rate
8.30 Gardener's World. A visit to Exbury Gardens, created in 1919 by Lionel de Rothschild, beside the Beaulieu river
9.00 The Real McCoy. Variable but generally entertaining mixture of comic sketches and songs by black writers and performers



Gorbachev: the events which preceded his leadership (9.30pm)

9.30 The Second Russian Revolution
● CHOICE: A six-part history of the Soviet Union under Gorbachev opens with an absorbing step-by-step account of the manoeuvres which brought him to power. In a sense, he was lucky that the deaths of three leaders in the space of a couple of years removed most of the credible rivals. As the film reveals, he was designated for the top job by the dying Andropov, only to be pushed aside as the old guard made its final attempt to cling on to power. But when Chernenko died, Gorbachev struck quickly and decisively. He was helped by the fact that one of his main opponents was held up in the United States. The story draws heavily on the first-hand accounts of leading Soviet politicians, who are able to talk about the power struggles behind the throne with a freedom that would have been impossible in the pre-glasnost era. (Ceefax)
10.20 10x10: The Weatherhouse
● CHOICE: The slot which gives new directors ten minutes in which to make their mark is imaginatively filled by Joanna Woodward's drama which tells the story of a couple in a weatherhouse torn between love and duty. Representing rain, the man is a melancholy figure with a Max Wall hairstyle, forever carrying his brolly. Sunshine is represented by a doll-like woman in a yellow dress with big red spots. As the weather changes, one must be ready to leave the other to stand watch outside. It is not the best recipe for domestic harmony. Woodward opens up the situation by sending the man across the lake on a special mission, leaving the woman to sit and knit. The staging, which mixes puppets with real actors, is ingenious and the outcome unexpected
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman. 11.15 Weather
11.20 Film: Pièges (1939, b/w). Interesting French thriller with excellent credits. When a series of young women disappear after replying to newspapers advertisements, the police use the latest victim's roommate as a decoy. But she falls for the prime suspect, played by Maurice Chevalier. The film also features Erich von Stroheim and Pierre Renoir and was the last to be directed by Robert Siodmak before he went to Hollywood. In French with English subtitles. Ends at 1.15am

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Cross Wits. Tom O'Connor hosts the crossword gameshow 9.55 Thames News and weather
10.00 Out of This World: Evie's Driver's Licence. Evie (Maureen Flannigan) uses her alien powers to pass her driving test
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine programme, including at 10.55 ITN News headlines and at 11.55 Thames News and weather
12.10 Rainbow. Geoffrey organises a trip to a safari park (r)
12.30 ITN News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather
1.20 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) 1.50 A Country Practice
2.20 The Health Experiment. Sebastian Coe with news of the 500 volunteers who are taking part in a four-month diet and exercise programme
2.50 Win, Lose or Draw. Danny Baker hosts the pen and paper charades game 3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 *Thames* News headlines
3.25 The Young Doctors. Australian medical drama
3.55 Children's ITV starting with Nellie the Elephant. Cartoon (r) 4.00 Rod 'n' Emu 4.15 The Magic Crown. Sword and sworcery drama series 4.40 Finders Keepers. Children's game of hide and seek
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock Live. Frank Bough questions Michael Howard, the employment secretary, about growing unemployment in the south east, and Helen Mirren talks about her role in the film *Where Angels Fear to Tread* 6.55 The Day
7.00 Through the Keyhole. David Frost offers the rich and famous a chance to get their homes on television. Loyd Grossman fawns over the doubtful decor and dishes out cryptic clues to celebrity panellists Andrew O'Connor, Molly Parkin and Nigel Rees. (Oracle)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Second Thoughts: Nursing a Conscience. Lynda Bellingham and James Bolam star in the cheerful sitcom about the joys and frustrations of love and marriage the second time around. When Bill falls ill he discovers that Faith is hardly the Florence Nightingale type. With Belinda Laing (Oracle)
8.30 The Piglet Files: Trouble with Reception. Spy comedy capers with Nicholas Lyndhurst as the MI5 agent Peter Chapman, code-named Piglet. MI5 is invited to a ball at a foreign embassy and Piglet is given the job of bugging the venue. (Oracle)



Marriage troubles: Bellingham, Lang and Bolam (8.00pm)

9.00 A Perfect Hero. Satisfyingly crafted wartime drama starring Nigel Havers as Hugh Fleming, an RAF war pilot who is horribly burnt in a Battle of Britain dogfight. Fleming's fiancée has left him, and another girlfriend has been killed in the Blitz. But plastic surgeon Dr Angus Meikle (James Fox) takes him into his unit, where he meets two old friends. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Julia Somerville. (Oracle) Weather 10.35 LWT News and weather followed by The Day
10.40 The London Programme: House Prices. Trevor Phillips looks at how house prices in the capital have fallen since 1988
11.10 Hooperman: Love Bytes. Police comedy starring John Ritter as the unconventional cop who, this week, investigates an electronic bank robbery
11.40 The Young Riders: Ten-cent Hero. The adventures of six Pony Express riders in 1860s Dakota. A pulp author (Gerrit Graham) writes a novel about James Hickok (Josh Brolin), portraying him as a legendary and lethal gunfighter. Hickok is then challenged by a tough young gunfighter
12.35am Married . . . With Children: Earth Angel. American blue-collar marital comedy. Bud (David Faustino) brings home a beautiful young woman
1.05 The James Whale Show. More phone-ins, superficial banter and music with the argumentative DJ
2.05 Raw Power. A compilation of rock videos 3.05 CinemAttractions
3.35 Beach Volleyball. From Fort Lauderdale, Florida
4.30 Soap. American comedy series featuring the outrageous Tate and Campbell families (r). Followed by Sportsbloopers
5.05 Superboy: The Russian Exchange Student. Adventures of the junior super-hero (John Haymes Newton), alias Clark Kent (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Film: Fiddlers Three (1944, b/w). Dated Ealing comedy conceived as a star vehicle for Tommy Trinder. Trinder, fellow sailor Sonnie Hale and Wren Diana Decker go for a midsummer's eve bicycle *ride across Salisbury Plain only to be struck by lightning* and transported back to ancient Rome where they are hailed as prophets. Kay Kendall makes her film debut and James Robertson Justice (Sir Lancelot Spratt in the *Doctor* comedies) appears as a centurion. Directed by Harry Watt
11.00 Voyage of the Sarimanok. An attempt to cross the Indian ocean on a primitive canoe without modern navigation aids (r)
12.00 Opening Up the Family Album: The Myth and the Proof. The various uses to which personal photographs can be put (r)
12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street. Early-learning series (r)
2.00 A Full Life: Lord Hunt. Jill Cochrane talks to the leader of the first expedition to conquer Mount Everest (r)
2.30 Film: Night Boat to Dublin (1945, b/w). Passable second world war spy thriller starring Robert Newton as an MI5 agent leading a mission to rescue atom bomb scientist Martin Miller from nazi agent Raymond Lovell. Directed by Lawrence Huntington
4.20 Cockaboody. Fantasy cartoon 4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz show
5.00 I Love Lucy: Equal Rights (b/w). Classic American sitcom starring Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. Lucy and her friend Ethel (Vivian Vance) believe that they should be treated the same as men
5.30 The Triple Net: The Blackboard. Iola Gregory plays the author Kate Roberts (1891-1985) in the series which looks at the work of *20th century Welsh language writers*. (r) (Teletext)
6.00 Kate & Allie: Halloween II. Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin star as the American divorcees (r)
6.30 Tonight with Jonathan Ross.
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 First Reaction. A personal opinion from a well-known personality from the world of arts and entertainment
8.00 Brookside. (Teletext)



Homage: John McCarthy at his daughter's shrine (8.30pm)

8.30 Short Stories: The Virgin of Gortaneadin
● CHOICE: The dying wish of 17-year-old Mary McCarthy was that a grotto should be created in her memory in the rural community of Gortaneadin in southern Ireland. Her parents saved for years to buy the land and build the shrine. With Mary's mother now confined to bed, the memorial is tended by her father and sister. In 1986 Mary Casey, wife of a local farmer, had a vision of a beautiful teenage girl in a green dress standing in place of the Virgin Mary's statue. Since then Mary Casey has received several messages from the Virgin Mary and the grotto has become a place of pilgrimage for visitors from all over Ireland. But the family has *steadfastly refused to commercialise it. The holy water is delivered* by a hose pipe and people are asked to bring their own bottles. Mark Frith's charming film skilfully captures the matter-of-fact impact of extraordinary events on ordinary people
9.00 Cheers: Carla Loves Clavin. Lively American sitcom set in a coy *Boston drinking-hole. Carla (Rhea Perlman) bribes the judges of* the Miss Boston Barmaid contest. (Teletext)
9.30 Dig. The gardening series features a midnight tour of Edinburgh's Botanical Gardens and a report on the devastating effect of pollution on trees. (Teletext)
10.00 Roseanne: Home-Ec. The blue-collar matriarch (Roseanne Barr) decides to give Darlene's (Sara Gilbert) economics class a crash course in budget cooking. (Teletext)
10.30 Absolutely. Assorted comedy sketches from the *Absolutely* team
11.05 Friday at the Dome. New Order's Bernard Sumner and ex-Smith Johnny Marr talk about their recent collaboration, while Don Was of Was (Not Was) teams up with The Beach Boys' Brian Wilson in a Hollywood recording studio
12.20am Six of the Best with Jonathan Ross (r)
12.50 Film: The Ticket of Leave Man (1937, b/w). Old-hat melodrama starring Todd Slaughter as a criminal mastermind who runs a benevolent society for ex-convicts, with a view to dragging them even further into a life of crime. Dalton falls for entertainer Marjorie Taylor but when he discovers that John Warwick is a rival for her affections he has the poor man framed for forgery and sent to jail. Directed by George King. Ends at 2.05

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 The Munsters Today 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Cross Question 11.40 Married...with Children 12.10am-1.05 Wolf 2.05 Video View 2.35 Word of Mouth 3.05 Friday the 13th 4.00 College Basketball 5.00-5.30 Inter Bang!

BORDER
As London except: 6.00pm Lookaround Friday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Coach 11.10 Murphy's Law 12.05am-1.05 *Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders* 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 A Hole Lot of Trouble 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Central Weekend 12.10am-1.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 2.05 Film: The Great British Train Robbery 4.00 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Film: Disaster at Silo 7 12.25am NB 12.55-1.05 Magic, Magic 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Give Us A Clue 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 *to the Heat of the* Night 11.35 Hooperman 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Let's Go 10.40 Beat Foot Forward 11.10-11.40 History on Canvas

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.40-11.40 Primetime Makes Hay

SCOTTISH
As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Hooperman 11.10-1.05am Dial-a-Movie 2.05 NB 2.35 America's Top Ten 3.05 Stephen King's World of Horror 4.00 Mystery Theatre 4.35 The Jacksons 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 3.20-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Taxi 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens For All 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Hooperman 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

TVS
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Countryside Close 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 That's Gardening! 10.40 After the News 11.40 Hooperman 12.10am-1.05 Crime Story 2.05 *The Young Riders* 3.00 Raw Power 4.00 Coach 4.30-5.30 The Channon and Bell Video Show

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm Northern Life 6.30-7.00 The Friday Documentary 10.40 Point of Order 11.15 A Seat in the Stands 12.00 Heart of the Country 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.40 Kelly 12.05-1.05 Beauty and the Beast 2.05 The Young Riders 2.55 Night Beat 3.55-5.30 Film: Hide and Seek

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 The Wonderful World of Soaps 10.40 Film: Night of Terror 12.05am-1.05 Friday the 13th — The Series 2.05 Bhangra Beat 2.35-5.30 Eastern Cinema: Patl Patni Aur Tawaif

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Molly Parkin (ITV, 7.00pm)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 *The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The* Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Growing Pains 8.00 Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 11.00 Film. Death In Space (1980) 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
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5.00am Newswatch 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.00 Dayline 10.30 *Those Were the Days 11.00 International* Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Parliament 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Those Were the Days 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly 12.30am CBS News 1.30 NBC Nightly 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC Nightly 4.30 Those Were the Days

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
6.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Uphill All The Way (1985): Tale of two inept robbers on the run from the law. Stars Roy Clark and Mel Tillis
12.00 Hard Travelling (1985): A mentally unstable man strikes up a relationship with a beautiful woman. Stars J.E. Freeman and Ellen Geer
2.00 Coward Of The County (1981): A preacher's brother is dubbed a coward for being a conscientious objector. Stars Kenny Rogers
4.00 *Legend Of The Northwest*: A brave dog's adventures in the American wilderness
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Cool Change (1979): Drama about a band of Australian cattlemen who stand up for the rights of a young girl who is being evicted from her land. With Jon Blake
8.00 Earth Girls Are Easy (1989): Musical fantasy about a trio of multi-coloured aliens landing in L.A. Stars Jeff Goldblum and Geena Davis
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Class Of 1999 (1989): Violent futuristic thriller set in a school run by robot teachers. When the high-tech tutors malfunction, school classes turn into a fight for survival. With Stacey Keach and Bradley Gregg
11.35 Gymkata (1985): A gymnast employs his athletic ability to survive a fight-to-the-death tournament. Stars Kurt Thomas
1.05 Cutting Class (1988): Roddy McDowall stars in a murder mystery set in an American high school
2.35 Roxanne: Prize Pulitzer (1988): Drama based on Roxanne Pulitzer's account of the break-up of her marriage to the publishing tycoon. Stars Perry King
4.15 Georgia (1988): Chilling tale about a female lawyer who has thoughts about a mysterious past. Stars Judy Davis

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am April Morning (1988): Rites of passage movie set during the American *Revolution. Stars Tommy Lee Jones*
8.15 Proud Rebel (1958): Romantic drama with Alan Ladd as a man trying to find help for his mute son. With Olivia de Havilland: directed by Michael Curtiz
10.15 The King and I (1956): Yul Brynner gives an Oscar-winning performance in this glittering Rogers and Hammerstein musical about the King of Siam and the English governess he hires for the royal children. With Deborah Kerr
12.30 God Bless the Child (1988): Social drama about a single mother's fight to keep *her child*
2.15 Transylvania 6-5000 (1985): Jeff Goldblum and Ed Begley Jr play journalists investigating reports of vampiric activity in modern-day Transylvania
4.15 Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (1989): Harrison Ford as the adventurous archaeologist on a mission to rescue his father from the Nazis. With Sean Connery
5.25 Max and Helen (1990): The true story of a couple who are reunited after suffering harrowing experiences apart during the second world war
8.15 Stealing Heaven (1988): Two young lovers embark on a romance which is destined to end in tragedy
10.15 Rain Man (1988): Moving comedy about a man who helps his autistic older brother come to terms with the real world. Stars Dustin Hoffman and Tom Cruise
12.30am Last Exit to Brooklyn (1990): Jennifer Jason Leigh stars in this powerful drama about life in working-class Fifties New York
2.15 Midnight Run (1988): A bounty hunter who tries to escort an escaped criminal back to Los Angeles is tailed by the FBI, the Mafia and a persistent rival. With Robert De Niro
4.20-5.50am Cross My Heart (1987): A satirical look at love and sex in the Eighties

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
1.30pm Motor World 2.00 Australian Rugby League 4.00 IBM ATP Tennis Magazine 5.00 Waterskiing 6.00 Rodeo 7.00 Torque 8.00 Live Matchroom League Snooker 10.30 Australian Rules Football 12.00 Matchroom League Snooker

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am International Tennis 8.30 French Rugby League 10.00 Kick Boxing 11.00 Ladies Masters Fencing 12.00 Motor Sport IMSA 1.00pm US PGA Golf 4.00 Gaman American Football Magazine 5.00 Mud & Monsters 6.00 NBA Basketball 8.00 Dutch Motor Sports 9.00 Pro Boxing 10.30 NHL Ice Hockey 12.30am Live Pro Box 2.30 Major League Baseball 4.30 World Snooker Classics 6.30 Spain Sport 6.45 Ladies Pro Bowling

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am Great American Gameshows
11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Wok With Yan 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Star Time 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Divorce Court 2.30 *Lifestyle Plus* 2.40 The Tom Ewell Show 3.10 Rafferty's Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 The Mothers-in-Law 4.40 Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1

6.35-6.55am (FM only) Open University
6.55 Weather; News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Rimsky-Korsakov (Overture, May Night); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No 1)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy Blas); Elias Parish-Alvars (Divertissement); Grieg (Peer Gynt, Suite No 1); Bartók (Three Rondos on Folk Tunes); Enescu (Romanian Rhapsody No 1)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Birtwistle. An Imaginary Landscape: BBC SO under Howarth; Verses: Alan Hacker, clarinet, Karen Evans, piano; Endless Parade: Håkan Hardenberger, trumpet, BBC SO under Eötvös; Ritual Fragment: London Sinfonietta
9.35 Morning Sequence: Handel (Overture, Acis and Galatea: English Concert under Pinnock); Beethoven (Violin Sonata in F, Op 24, Spring: Gyorgy Pauk, Peter Frankl, piano); C Simpson (Mr Symposon's Little Consort Suite No 2: Les Filles de Ste Colombe); Britten (Suite on English Folk Tunes, Op 90, A Time There Was . . .: CBSO under Rattle); Locke (Suite No 7 in G: Les Filles de Ste Colombe); Brahms (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor, Op 38: Robert Cohen, Alan Gravill, piano); Hummel (Partita in E flat for wind octet: London Winds)
11.20 Mozart Choral Works: BBC Singers and London Mozart Players under Andrew Parrott perform Kyrie in D minor, K341; Symphony No 35 in D, K385, Haffner; Oboe Concerto in C, K314, Celia Nicklin, soloist; 12.10pm Interval reading: Symphony No 32 in G, K318; Litaniae de venerabili altaris sacramento, K243: Nancy Argenta, soprano, Deborah Miles-Johnson, mezzo, Neil Jenkins, tenor, Brindley Sherratt, bass
1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Festival of Brass: The BBC Band of the Year, Grimethorpe Colliery Band under Frank Renton, perform Benjamin (Altitude); Holst (A Moorside Suite); Bourgeois (Concerto Grosso)
2.00 Soundings (r)
3.00 Mining the Archive: Soprano Lisa Della Casa, accompanied by Ernest Lush, in a recital recorded in 1958. Beethoven (Die Trommel gerühret; Freudvoll und leidvoll); Schubert (An den Mond, D296; Im Frühling; Suleika II); Strauss (Der Stern; Seitdem dein Aug'in meines schaute; An die Nacht; Ständchen; Morgen; Hat gesagt —bleibt's nicht dabei); incl 3.20 John Amis talks to Della Casa
3.50 SNO under Bamert performs Boulez (Rituel in memoriam Bruno Maderna); Stravinsky (The Rite of Spring) (r)
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure
6.30 The Austin High School Gang: A group of white musicians who had attended the same school — Austin High — went on to dominate the Chicago jazz scene of the Twenties. Paul Vaughan follows the story of Bud Freeman, Frank Teschmacher, Jim Lannigan and others (1 of 3)
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Sir John Pope-Hennessy talks about the functions of a museum director and trustees
7.30 A Royal Birthday: Cantata by Heinrich Bonn
8.00 Los Angeles PO under Kurt Sanderling, live from the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, performs Haydn (Symphony No 39 in G minor); 8.20 Natalie Wheen explores the new concert hall; Shostakovich (Symphony No 8 in C minor)
9.50 After Cookham?
● CHOICE: For her enquiry into past trends and future prospects for the interaction between art and spirituality, art historian Sandra Miller has opted for a series of mini-debates between constantly changing permutations of critics, painters, a journalist, a curator and a bishop. They don't all agree, with Matisse, that all art is spiritual, or, with Stanley Spencer, that all human flesh is an image of faith. There will have to be an updating of *After Cookham?* if one art expert's forecast that the approaching turn of the century will bring a shingles rash of spirituality, proves to be correct
10.35 Cello and Piano (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35pm Composers of the Week: Haydn (r)

RADIO 3

(s) stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today Daily bulletin of rural current affairs 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today: With Sue MacGregor and John Humphrys, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.43 A Year in Provence Written and read by Peter Mayle (s) 8.58 *Weather*
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: With Sue Lawley, whose guest is John Smith MP, shadow chancellor (s) (r)
9.45 *The Village: Day-to-day* triumphs of a small rural community last summer
10.00 News; Special Assignment
10.30 Morning Story: Limbo, written by Eddie Stack. Teaching in a *monastery keeps Brother* Mahon from the peace of God
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Friday Lives, introduced by Joanna Buchan (s)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Presented by Debbie Thrower. The last programme of the series on diets looks at appetite suppressants
12.25pm The Food Programme, with Derek Cooper: The romance of the French market 12.55pm Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Ruth Wishart introduces a programme which looks into children's rights under the English and Scottish legal systems, highlighting the differences, and discussing necessary changes and updating
3.00 News; Classic Serial: The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Victor Hugo's tale of fated love and the fear of sorcery, dramatised by Catherine Czerkawska (2 of 5) (r) (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Fourth Column: Simon Hoggart and his fellow columnists take a quizzical look at the world around them *on the anniversary of the birth* of Heath Robinson
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Review of Harrison Birtwistle's new opera, *Gawain*, which received its world premiere yesterday, performed by the Royal Opera, and an interview with the composer; an unveiling of *Radio 4's new eight-part* documentary on village life, entitled *The Village*; an interview with Staffordshire pottery expert Pat Halfpenny; and a look at the National *Trust's new public garden in* Staffordshire (s)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News; Including Financial Report
6.30 *Going Places: Transport* magazine presented by Janet Trewin
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week: With Chris *Serle (s)*
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests are Frank Dobson, MP, Labour spokesman on energy; Anne Widdecombe, MP, minister at the Department of Social Security; Melanie Phillips, policy editor, *The Guardian*; and John Banham, director general of the CBI. From Falmouth, Cornwall
8.50 Stop Press: Geoffrey Goodman presents a personal account of the week's press and the newspaper business
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Interview with award-winning writer Simon Schama (s) (r)
9.45 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Young Emma. David Burke reads W.H. Davies's unusual love story *set in Twenties England*. Final part: A Mystery Solved
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news with David Tate, Sally Grace, Brian Bowles and Paul Shearer (s)
11.25 *Financial Week*, with Heather Payton (s)
11.45 A Slipping-Down Life: Anne Tyler's story about an angst-ridden teenager's obsession with a local rock singer, *Bertram "Drumstrings" Casey*. Final part
12.00 News 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 4

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Tim Smith 5.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News 91 6.00 Roundtable 7.30 The Essential Selection 10.00 Friday Rock Show 12.00 Andy Peebles.

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 12.30pm Workers Playtime 1.05 David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Cliff Morgan 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Spike's Pick of the Goons 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night 8.45 Helen Crayford 9.00 Listen to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Jazz Season 11.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 1.00am Radio 2 Jazz Season 2.00 Night Ride.

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs, incl News & Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00 News and Sport; Take Five 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 10.40 This Family Business with Johnny Walker, incl 11.00 and 12.00 News & Sport 12.30pm Caribbean Magazine 1.00 News and Sport; 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 1.20 Music Mix with Alan Sykes incl News and Sport at 2.00 2.30 World Service: Global Concerns 2.45 International Money Programme 3.00 News and Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Focus on Faith 4.00 News and Sport 4.05 Network UK 4.35 Five Aside; *incl News on the hour and half-hour, Sport on the hour* 7.20 Adventures of Tom Sawyer 7.35 King Street Junior: "Dispute" 8.00 Multitrack II 8.30 Afro Pop 9.30 Calling the Shots: A profile of prolific film

Sri Lanka asks British ambassador to leave

By Vijitha Yapa in Colombo and Michael Binyon

SRI Lanka yesterday declared David Gladstone, the British High Commissioner, persona non grata for "unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of Sri Lanka". It is only the second time a British high commissioner has been asked to leave a Commonwealth country.

Mr Gladstone has been accused of interfering in the local elections on May 11 by reporting irregularities at a polling station to the local police. He was contacted by opposition politicians who accused government supporters of erasing the indelible ink applied on the fingers of voters to prevent fraud. He made a statement passing on their complaints.

The Foreign Office said yesterday that Sri Lanka had "regrettably misinterpreted" his actions, and that there were no grounds for his expulsion. Britain immediately cancelled a proposed visit to Colombo by Mark Lennox Boyd, the parliamentary under-secretary at the Foreign Office. Britain has also threatened further retaliation, which could include a tit-for-tat expulsion of Sri Lanka's high commissioner here.

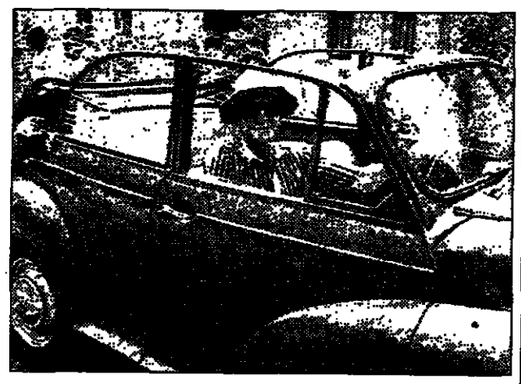
Mr Gladstone, who has been outspoken in condemning human rights violations in Sri Lanka, acted as an unofficial observer of the local elections, as did several other European diplomats. His action, however, angered H.R. Piyasiri, the local MP, and the ruling party, which urged the government to take action.

President Premadasa wrote to John Major to complain, and last week Bernard Tilekeratne, Sri Lanka's permanent undersecretary, came to London for two days of talks with the Foreign Office. Britain failed to persuade him that the high commissioner had acted impartially, and at the weekend the president said Sri Lanka would "throw Mr Gladstone out on his ear".

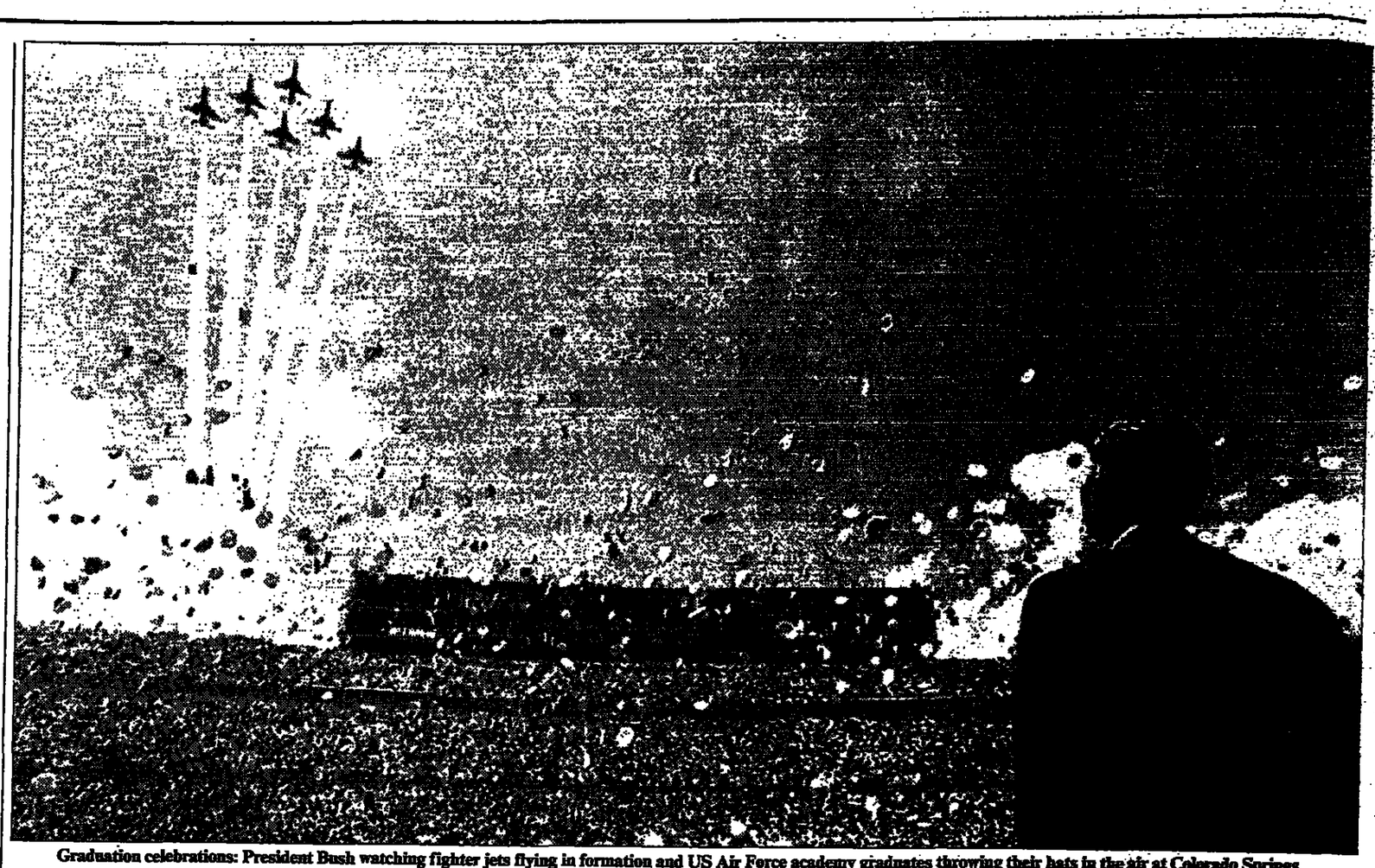
Several factors appear to have exacerbated the dispute. Sri Lanka is acutely sensitive to criticism of its human rights record, especially from Britain, which is seen as setting the tone for other European countries. Mr Gladstone, an active and outspoken diplomat who is a visible figure in Colombo, is believed to have urged other EC countries to cut back aid to Sri Lanka at the Paris meeting of creditors in 1989. Whitehall officials believe this made him very unpopular in Colombo, although the government insisted yesterday that it acted solely because of the election incident.

Mr Piyasiri has poor relations with the high commissioner, and last year accused him in parliament of consorting with drug dealers — a charge dismissed by the Foreign Office as nonsense.

No deadline was given for Mr Gladstone's departure but Mr Tilekeratne said he will be given diplomatic immunity until he leaves. The Sri Lankan government will now have dealings only with the deputy high commissioner. Mr Gladstone was due to return home after a four-year assignment next month.



Driven out: David Gladstone, Britain's man in Colombo, at the wheel of his Morris Minor coupé



Graduation celebrations: President Bush watching fighter jets flying in formation and US Air Force academy graduates throwing their hats in the air at Colorado Springs

Parkinson tells Thatcher to go

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

TWO of Margaret Thatcher's closest supporters, Cecil Parkinson and Sir Bernard Ingham, last night advised her to leave the Commons.

Beset by conflicting advice about her future since she stood down as prime minister last November, the views of her former party chairman and confidant and her press secretary might be crucial when Mrs Thatcher makes her decision shortly. She was reported last night not to have made up her mind, but most recent indications have suggested that she will choose to leave the Commons.

Mr Parkinson, the former energy secretary, suggested that Mrs Thatcher should be wary of voices that suggested that one day her country would turn to her again. Sir Bernard suggested that she would have more freedom to speak out if she left the Commons.

Both were interviewed by BBC2's *Newsnight* programme. They made their remarks after Mrs Thatcher disclosed that she had considered remaining prime minister but not party leader after she failed to get the required majority in the first ballot last November. But she ruled out dividing the two positions when she realised that the move would divide the party.

Mr Parkinson said last night: "I would say that it would be a good thing to get out of the House of Commons, because as long as she is there, there is a group of people outside who urge on her that 'one day the nation will turn back to you it will need you and you must hold yourself available'. And she can only do that if she stays in the Commons. I think that is fairly bad advice.

"I think that particular phase — the prime ministerial phase — of her career is over and done with, and therefore I think she should look ahead for a different role. She would not be able to do that as long as she is a member of the House of Commons."

Sir Bernard echoed the advice. He said: "Once you have been prime minister ... I think you draw a line under it and you do something else."

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Flying in face of pay trends

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Wednesday Mike Newmarch, chief executive of the Prudential, Britain's largest insurer, whose chairman is Sir Bryan Corby, the CBI president, was criticised for a 43 per cent pay rise to £543,673 in the face of profits down by one-third, and a poor reception for Maurice Saatchi, the advertising agency chairman whose pay fell from £625,000 in 1989 to his present £310,000.

Yesterday was the turn of Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco. Alan Diamond, a private investor, who led the attack on the Prudential, questioned the £1.1 million performance-related incentive payment made to Sir Ian last year. The total of £1.48 million paid to Sir Ian was only slightly less than the remuneration to the entire board of Sainsbury's, he said.

Sir Ian made the point that the board members could "treble or quadruple" their salaries by moving to jobs in America or continental Europe. "We hope to continue to perform well over the next few years but we need encouragement and support to do so," he said.

Concern over US 'blunder' in supporting rebel groups

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senator, Rudy Boschwitz, acting as President Bush's special envoy, and the regime of former President Mengistu in Addis Ababa on April 27 and 28.

At that point Washington planned to identify the pragmatists and moderates in the Mengistu regime and the various rebel groups, and act as "midwife" to a transitional government of national reconciliation. That plan was swiftly overtaken by events. The Mengistu regime collapsed faster than anyone expected.

The EPRDF gave Washington an undertaking that it would not enter Addis Ababa but advanced to the city's outskirts. With the government no longer able to maintain law and order in the capital, and reports of violence, looting and government forces turning on one another, the administration had to recognise the facts on the ground and turn to the EPRDF as the only disciplined force capable of bringing stability to the situation.

"We could have abstained and said nothing and let the forces play themselves out on their own but there would have been some real chaos," said one US official, recalling the horrors perpetrated in similiar circumstances in the Somalian capital of Mogadishu.

The EPRDF have promised new talks between the various Ethiopian factions before July 1 to discuss the formation of a broadly-based transitional government, and the administration still believes there is a real chance of achieving genuine democracy, which would be a major achievement. "This is not a time for the people of Ethiopia to dwell on past history," said an official yesterday. "It is a time for the people of Ethiopia to cooperate to create a democratic future for themselves. This will require that everyone shows flexibility and support for reconciliation."

● **ADDIS ABABA:** The British embassy is sheltering a dozen members of Ethiopia's former royal family, according to James Glaze, the British ambassador. *(Reuter)*

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Julie Walters talks to Alan Franks about public regeneration following private calamity

Through the hoop: George Hill finds the staid image of croquet enlivened by exciting young players

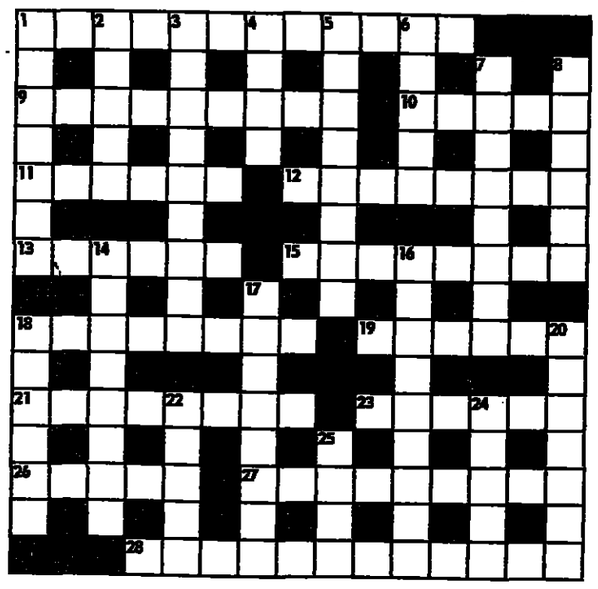
Dedicated follower: how a decade of fashion statements has been dominated by the tastes of the Princess of Wales.

Funny business: Charles Nevin on selling science, or why the atom bomb was a PR turkey

Saturday offer: the chance for *Times* readers to visit National Trust houses at reduced prices

THE TIMES SATURDAY REVIEW

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,620



ACROSS

1 Go mad, like parts of France? (12).
9 Film a ruler getting things confused (9).
10 Chaps heard making appearance outside (5).
11 Right-minded person he included in speculation (6).
12 Female sprinter second in race in state capital (8).
13 In centre of Monaco, is taken round this building? (6).
15 Students producing original pieces (8).
18 Withdraw separately? It shows a lack of respect (8).
19 Part of London Cockney speaker associates with Bow (6).
21 Political leader, in short, certain to use force (8).
23 Relaxes in informal clothes (6).
26 University official cut half the pages — odd (5).
27 It enables revolutionary movement to upset the board (9).
28 A cocktail with it? On the contrary (3-9).

DOWN

1 Popular protest movement out of control (7).
2 Mountain route taken by English and French over the hill (5).
3 The back row score again (9).
4 Principal moving between German banks (4).
5 To shoot up a politician is futile (3).
6 Investor Disraeli sided with (5).
7 Unhappy term exemplified in public school? (8).
8 Win back queen when last piece is moved up (6).
14 It could result in a fine piece of writing (8).
16 Composer of operas arranged trial with cast (9).
17 Mimic, it appears, provided drink (8).
18 Skips the condiment (6).
20 Part of our capital we get society to look after (4,3).
22 Fish a shallow stretch of water (5).
24 Confine a black-hearted murderer (5).
25 Flag of a neighbouring country isn't finished (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,619

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WORD WATCH

By Philip Howard

CHABOUK
a. An American Rockies wind
b. A covered market
c. A horsewhip

MADID
a. Matriarchy
b. A disturbed ego
c. Dank

STRIG
a. To remove the stalk
b. To tease
c. A pack horse

LEDDEN
a. A monk's reading room
b. Language
c. Armoured horse's helmet

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WEATHER

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EUROPE

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	s	Malaga	25	77	f
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Malta	19	66	c
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Mnib'me	18	64	s
Algiers	21	70	c	Mexico C*	23	73	f
Amst'dm	17	63	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Athens	20	68	f	Milan	19	66	f
Bahrain	30	86	s	Montreal*	17	63	c
Barbados*	29	84	c	Moscow	15	59	c
Barcelna	19	66	f	Munich	19	66	s
Belgrade	18	66	f	Nairobi	24	75	f
Berlin	19	66	s	Naples	21	70	s
Bermuda*	26	79	c	N Delhi	38	100	s
Biarritz	23	73	c	N York*	31	88	s
Borde'x	25	77	s	Nice	19	66	c
Brussels	20	68	s	Oslo	20	68	s
Budapst	19	66	c	Paris	23	73	s
B Aires*	27	81	c	Peking	23	73	c
Cairo	27	81	s	Perth	18	64	f
Cape Tn	13	55	r	Prague	18	64	f
C'blanca	23	70	c	Reykjavik	14	57	s
Chicago*	29	84	f	Rhodes	21	70	s
Ch'church	13	55	s	Rio de J	24	75	s
Cologne	23	73	s	Riyadh	34	93	s
C'phagn	20	68	s	Rome	20	68	s
Corfu	21	70	f	Salzburg	20	68	s
Dublin	14	57	c	S F'risco*	13	55	f
Dubrovnik	19	66	f	Santiago*	18	64	c
Faro	20	68	f	S Paulo*	25	77	c
Florence	24	75	s	Seoul	29	73	c
Frankfurt	21	70	f	Sing'por	31	88	c
Funchal	20	68	c	St'kholm	15	59	c
Geneva	21	70	s	Strasb'rg	22	72	c
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Sydney	17	63	c
Helsinki	15	59	s	Tangier	21	70	f
Hong K	31	88	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Innsbruck	21	70	f	Tenerife	22	72	s
Istanbul	17	63	s	Tokyo	22	72	s
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	21	70	f
L Palmas	23	73	s	Tunis	21	70	f
La Tquet	19	66	f	Valencia	23	73	s
Lerwick	13	55	s	Vanc'ver*	15	59	c
Lisbon	20	68	c	Venice	21	70	s
Locarno	21	70	f	Vienna	19	66	f
L Angels*	16	61	c	Warsaw	18	64	f
Luxembg	21	70	f	Wash'ton*	34	93	f
Lyons	27	99	s	Wel'mton	12	54	c
Madrid	22	72	f	Zurich	19	66	s
Majorca	26	79	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

EXCHANGE RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.23
Austria Sch	21.70	20.30
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	2.08	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.62	11.12
Finland Mrk	7.41	6.98
France Fr	10.41	9.76
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	333	313
Hong Kong $	13.92	12.92
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.06
Italy Lira	2300	2150
Japan Yen	254	238
Netherlands Gld	3.465	3.245
Norway Kr	11.99	11.29
Portugal Esc	268.25	250.25
South Africa Rd	5.55	4.85
Spain Pta	190.25	177.25
Sweden Kr	11.05	10.35
Switzerland Fr	2.825	2.465
Turkey Lira	7500	6700
USA $	1.81	1.69
Yugoslavia Dnr	51	32

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

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	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.3	.01	15	59	drizzle
Anglesey	13.2	-	16	61	sunny
Belfast	7.0	-	17	63	sunny
Birmingham	-	-	12	54	dull
Blackpool	10.2	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor Regis	5.0	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	4.9	-	19	66	sunny
Bristol	8.0	-	16	61	sunny
Buxton	2.3	-	12	54	bright
Cardiff	6.1	-	16	61	sunny
Colwyn Bay	9.4	-	14	57	sunny
Eastbourne	3.3	-	15	59	bright
Edinburgh	1.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	2.9	-	14	57	bright
Folkestone	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Glasgow	6.2	-	18	66	sunny
Hastings	2.7	-	14	57	bright
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	dull
Jersey	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Kinloss	1.9	-	12	54	bright
Leeds	-	-	12	54	drizzle
Lerwick	4.3	-	12	54	fog
Littlehampton	5.1	-	16	61	sunny
London	1.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Manchester	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Minehead	4.5	-	16	61	sunny
Morecambe	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Newcastle	-	-	11	52	drizzle
Nottingham	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Penzance	2.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Prestwick	10.1	-	20	68	sunny
Sandown	4.2	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	0.9	-	14	57	cloudy
Shanklin	3.8	-	15	59	bright
Southend	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	4.5	-	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	1.5	-	14	57	cloudy
Swanage	4.1	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	7.1	-	14	57	bright
Tiree	13.4	-	16	61	sunny
Torquay	2.2	-	15	59	bright
Weymouth	3.9	-	17	63	sunny
Wick	1.3	.01	11	52	fog

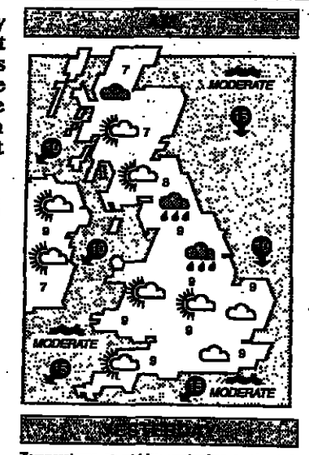
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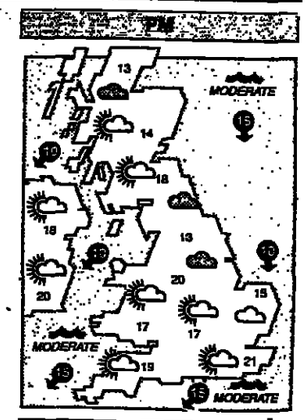
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Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	11	52	c
B'rmgham	10	50	c	Inverness	13	55	s
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	14	57	f
Bristol	12	54	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	12	54	c	M'chester	11	52	c
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	10	50	c

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Tummel Bridge, Tayside, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, and St Abb's Head, Borders, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland; Wick, Highland; Kinloss, Lossiemouth and Aberdeen, Grampian, 0.01 in; highest sunshine: Tiree, Inner Hebrides, 13.4 hr.

LIGHTING UP TIMES

London 9.7 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.16 pm to 5.0 am
Edinburgh 9.45 pm to 4.36 am
Manchester 9.29 pm to 4.47 am
Penzance 9.22 pm to 5.18 am

Sun rises: 4.50 am — Sun sets: 9.7 pm
Moon sets: 5.52 am — Moon rises: 11.48 pm
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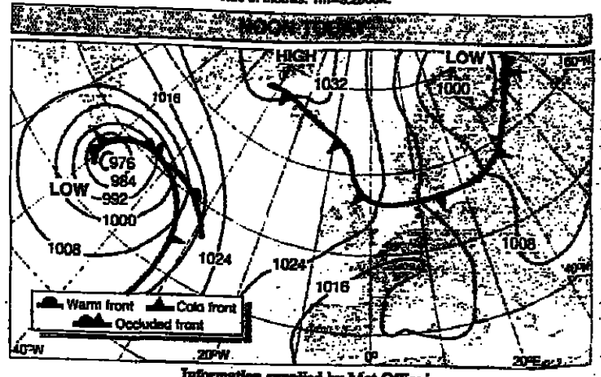
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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.19	6.7	4.27	6.7	Liverpool	1.27	8.8	1.46	8.4
Aberdeen	3.34	3.9	4.11	3.7	Lowestoft	11.46	2.4		
Avonmouth	9.40	17.8	9.56	11.9	Margate	2.26	4.5	2.28	4.5
Belfast	1.18	3.4	1.43	3.1	Milford Haven	8.49	6.2	8.59	6.3
Cardiff	9.25	11.0	9.41	11.0	Newquay	7.32	6.2	7.50	6.4
Devonport	6.9	4.9	8.25	5.1	Oban	8.2	3.5	8.26	3.7
Dover	1.22	8.1	1.39	8.2	Penzance	7.39	4.7	7.55	4.9
Fairmouth	7.39	4.7	7.55	4.9	Portland	3.8	4.3	3.22	4.0
Glasgow	3.8	4.3	3.22	4.0	Portsmouth	2.13	5.2	2.21	3.6
Harwich	2.13	5.2	12.58	4.9	Shoreham	1.42	4.4	2.12	4.4
Holyhead	12.33	6.2	12.58	4.9	Southampton	1.16	5.7	1.48	5.6
Hull	8.40	6.8	9.12	6.5	Swansea	12.58	4.2	1.33	4.1
Ilfracombe	8.26	8.2	8.42	8.4	Tees	8.51	8.5	9.8	8.6
King's Lynn	8.49	6.2	9.19	5.8	Weston-sp-Mare	5.58	5.0	6.30	4.8
Leith	4.52	5.1	5.30	5.0	Wilton-on-Nore	2.9	3.8	2.16	3.8

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28088.

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Pöhl says progress on Emu is threatened

KARL Otto Pöhl, the outgoing president of the Bundesbank, has given a gloomy assessment of Europe's capacity to move towards a single European currency, and said that progress towards convergence among Europe economies has halted.

Speaking at a conference on European Monetary Union in London, Herr Pöhl cited a still unpublished study conducted by the Council of European Central Bankers, of which he is president. According to the report, "progress towards convergence in fiscal and monetary policy has halted, if not reversed. It is not encouraging, but I assume it is realistic", said Herr Pöhl. He added that the study's conclusions were not merely a reflection of the current position, but a projection for the next two to three years.

The study is in particular concerned about the continued strong inflation rate differentials.

Thorn slips

A slump in earnings from television rentals caused a 19 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £259 million in the year to end March at Thorn EMI, the music, retailing and electronics group. Poor figures from rental, lighting and electrical retailing, along with rationalisation costs, masked strong growth in the core music business. The final dividend is held at 21.5p, making 30.5p (30p).

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Babcock rises

Babcock International Group, the power generator and process plant maker, lifted pre-tax profits from £42.6 million to £46.7 million in the year to March. The group, led by Lord King, chairman of British Airways, is paying an unchanged final dividend of 1.8p, making a same-again 3p.

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7165 (–0.0185)
German mark
2.9490 (–0.0083)
Exchange index
91.3 (–0.6)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1948.5 (+1.6)
FT-SE 100
2491.2 (–1.7)
New York Dow Jones
2991.28 (+21.69)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
25647.40 (+151.99)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Body Shop	264½p (+11p)
Unigate	276½p (+8p)
Elec Data Process	114p (+10p)
News Corp	392p (+16p)
Tace	163½p (+8p)

FALLS:

Grand Met	777½p (–9p)
Higgs & Hill	252½p (–10p)
RMC Group	628½p (–11p)
Standard Chartered	363p (–9p)
Lep	120p (–7p)
Johnson Matthey	288½p (–13½p)
British Vita	220p (–6p)
Charter Cons	459p (–8p)
Securiguard	104p (–6p)
Wagon Ind	380p (–18p)
Wellcome	586½p (–10p)
Lonrho	235p (–9p)
Macarthy	222½p (–6p)
Reuters	848p (–21p)
Blenheim Group	800p (–10p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11½%
3-month interbank 11⅞-11⅜%
3-month eligible bills: 10²⁹/₃₂-10⅞%
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 5¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.43-5.41%*
30-year bonds 98¹³/₃₂-98⁷/₁₆*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7165	£: $1.7175*
$: DM2.5490	$: DM1.7190*
$: SwFr2.5147	$: SwFr1.4645*
$: FFr10.0072	$: FFr5.8285*
$: Yen236.45	$: Yen137.80*
$: Index 91.3	$: Index 66.1
ECU £0.697556	SDR £0.774811
£: ECU1.433576	£: SDR1.290637

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $360.50 pm $361.05
close $360.75-361.25 (£209.90-210.40)
New York:
Comex $361.05-361.55*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 133.1 April (1987=100)

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jun) $16.80 bbl ($16.70)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Grim message at private meetings

Analysts more gloomy after ICI briefings

By Angela Mackay and Michael Clark

ICI delivered a gloomy trading message to analysts at two private City briefings this week which were arranged before Lord Hanson bought his 2.8 per cent stake this month.

The news imparted and the manner of its delivery is bound to unsettle ICI's worker shareholders and the trade unions who are embarking on a national campaign to keep ICI out of Hanson's hands.

Even in the City some chemicals analysts were concerned that only 20 of their colleagues were invited to the two lunch meetings and that this had resulted in unfair dissemination of information at a delicate moment.

Analysts now expect profits at ICI to be even more depressed in the second quarter this year after a 52 per cent fall in the first quarter. The revision to profit expectations follow briefings by Colin Short, the chemical group's finance director.

Despite the gloomy prognosis, ICI shares climbed 32p to end at 1,286p yesterday after a late scramble by market-makers anxious to buy in the shares. Previously the market-makers had gone short, selling shares they did not own in the hope they could buy them cheaper later, indicating they thought the shares would fall.

The second quarter results are bound to show that the company, unlike its continental rivals, has been tardy in rejuvenating its divisions and that Lord Hanson's ominous presence might be just the catalyst needed.

At both meetings, Mr Short delivered a litany of bad news about most of the company's divisions and could not promise that the long-awaited £300 million restructuring of the group would occur sooner than in the "near future".

Pharmaceuticals is expected to perform adequately but not as strongly as usual, despite being the business least affected by recessionary conditions. In the first quarter, the division's trading profits dropped sharply from £144 million to £88 million. In 1990, pharmaceuticals provided half of total trading profits of just over £1 billion.

The paints division was expected to be flat after a "reasonable" April, Mr Short said. Agrochemicals, another division whose results are not determined by the slow world economy, were expected to drop anyway because of poor weather in America. The rest of ICI's businesses were mostly suffering from the recession and would continue to do so in the second half.

Explosives and general chemicals, including tioxide, were expected to be very depressed, while profits at new materials were also expected to be lower.

Analysts at both UBS Phillips & Drew and Smith New Court said ICI traditionally made more profit in the first half than in the second and with the current quarter expected to contain few bright spots, there was little chance for the company to make up lost ground later in the year.

One fund manager, who was an institutional shareholder in ICI, said he had not attended any formal meetings on the company's short-term prospects.

He said he had no idea why the share price had risen sharply yesterday.

By the close of business almost 2 million ICI shares had changed hands. Dealers said most of the business after yesterday's meeting had been parcels of 50,000 shares as market-makers rushed to cover short positions that had been building up.

Dealers said there was little evidence of institutional support for the shares, indicating that few details of the meeting had been passed on to fund managers. The rise in the price had only served to highlight the group's vulnerability to an unwanted bid by someone like Hanson.

The company had dwelt on its performance in the second quarter after reiterating its view that there was still no sign of an economic revival. Analysts say the absence of any improvement in trading prospects would make any defence more difficult.

One analyst attending the meeting said that the group's performance had been appalling, but added that the shares were unlikely to fall at the moment.

Pre-tax profits in the current year are expected to show a further decline.

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JAMES GRAY



Current thinking: Allan Stewart, the Scottish minister, sets the 240p share price

Scottish electricity sale offers yield of 5.1%

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

ALLAN Stewart, the Scottish Office industry minister, yesterday confirmed 240p as the price of shares in the two Scottish electricity companies.

Scottish Power and its smaller sister, Scottish Hydro-Electric, will be offered for sale with a yield of 5.1 per cent. Their combined market capitalisation will be £2.88 billion.

Initial reaction was that the issue had been tightly priced. IG Index, the City bookmaker, however, was quickly quoting the 100p part-paid shares at 127p for Scottish Power and 124p for Hydro-Electric, suggesting a hefty premium when trading begins on June 18.

At 5.1 per cent, the yield is only a whisker above that now available to stock market investors in the generators, National Power and PowerGen. In practice, though, the Scots derive some 75 per cent of their profits from the supply of electricity and thus have more in common with the regional electricity companies, which offer higher yields. Nevertheless, institutional demand for the shares was strong with tenders for shares two times subscribed at the selected yield.

Popular demand is expected to be sufficient to trigger a clawback of shares from the institutions, lifting the proportion of shares available to small investors from 35.5 per cent to 58 per cent.

Only customers of the companies can buy shares in a single company. Others will have to buy a package of shares.

Prospectuses will be available from June 5. Applications close at 10am on June 12.

Cadbury to lead corporate review

By Jonathan Prynn

SIR Adrian Cadbury, the chief executive of Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionary and drinks group, is to head a committee of senior business figures set up to review the system of corporate governance in Britain.

Sir Adrian stressed that the committee would be more than just another talking shop.

He said that it would "aim to bring together the fruits of work and study undertaken by a number of groups... in a form that will lead to action."

The committee will produce its report next year, with a code of practice, "which will be implemented by all public companies who want to be seen as forward thinking." Sir Adrian said.

High profile members of the committee of 12 include Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman of the International Stock Exchange, Sir Ron Dearing, head of the Financial Reporting Council and Hugh Collum, the finance director of SmithKline Beecham and chairman of the Hundred Group of finance directors.

The main issues to be tackled are: Communication between boards and shareholders and the quality of corporate reporting. The committee will also look at the responsibilities of executive and non-executive directors; the case for audit committees, and the auditors' responsibilities, including the value of the audit report.

British Gas lifts payout by 19%

By Martin Barrow

BRITISH Gas is increasing the dividend by 19 per cent for last year after reporting net income of more than £1 billion for the first time.

Robert Evans, chairman and chief executive, said a return to colder weather after an unusually mild winter in the previous year increased post-tax profits by £160 million.

Net income rose 30 per cent, from £926 million to £1.21 billion, in the 12 months to end March. Profits also benefited from a first contribution from Consumers' Gas in Canada and by sharply higher earnings from the enlarged exploration and production activities.

Pre-tax profits rose from £1.297 billion to £1.849 billion, an increase of 42 per cent. A higher tax charge restricted growth in earnings to 30 per cent from 21.7p a share to 28.4p. A final dividend of 8.75p makes a total of 12.5p, against 10.5p.

Mr Evans, anxious to deflect profiteering charges levelled at British Telecom this month, said that, after removing the impact of colder weather, real growth in profits was estimated at 7 per cent.

"We are not ripping off customers to get these profits," Mr Evans said. Since privatisation in 1986 real gas prices, after adjustment for inflation, had fallen by 14 per cent and were now the lowest in Europe, with the exception of The Netherlands.

Of the new five-year price formula agreed with the Office of Gas Supply, Mr Evans said: "Gas consumers will enjoy unprecedented value for money." The formula, which comes in next April, allows the company to increase prices to customers by 1 percentage point less than the rise in the cost of supplies to British Gas.

Operating profits from UK gas supply rose from £1.11 billion to £1.525 billion. Profits from marketing activities, including retailing, installation and contracting, slipped by £1 million to £74 million.

Consumers' Gas earned £68 million in the three months to December, while exploration and production contributed profits of £307 million, compared with £166 million.

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Banks force board to ditch George Walker

By Matthew Bond and Neil Bennett

GEORGE Walker, founder of Brent Walker, the leisure company, has been dramatically ousted from his position as chief executive. His departure was confirmed in a brief announcement made to the International Stock Exchange stating that Mr Walker had "ceased to be the group chief executive".

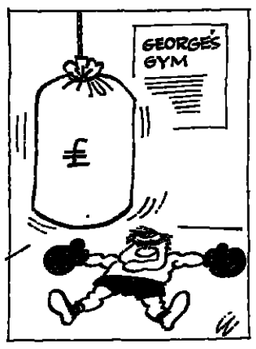
His departure was thrashed out at two late night meetings held at Brent Walker's London headquarters in the Trocadero centre, near Piccadilly Circus. At the first meeting the steering committee of Brent Walker's 70 or so banks, led by Standard Chartered, apparently made it crystal clear that the price of their support for a restructuring of Brent Walker's £1.5 billion of debt was the departure of Mr Walker.

Mr Walker, it is understood, refused to resign. The decision to remove him was taken at the subsequent meeting of the Brent Walker board. The board, chaired by Lord Kindersley, who replaced Mr Walker as chairman in January, finally took its decision yesterday, in the early hours.

Although Mr Walker has been stripped of his role as group chief executive, he remains on the Brent Walker board and can only be removed by a vote of shareholders. His family interests still control 27 per cent of Brent Walker's shares.

The position of Jean Walker, Mr Walker's wife, who is also on the Brent Walker board, has apparently not been discussed.

John Hemingway, a non-executive director of Brent Walker and a long time associate of Mr Walker, is believed to be considering his position after his long-standing consultancy agreement also became a casualty of the late night meeting.



One of Brent Walker's bankers confirmed that the move to oust him had come as a surprise to Mr Walker. "At this time yesterday he would not have known he was going," the banker said. Contrary to speculation, the source denied that Mr Walker had gone because he opposed the plans to sell the William Hill chain of betting shops, bought by the company for £685 million in 1989.

The banker added: "The banks felt that George had been enormously powerful in building up the company but his entrepreneurial spirit was not the right sort of management needed while it was restructuring."

The banks are understood to be confident that a restructuring of the group can be agreed. Apart from Standard Chartered, the banks that stand to lose most if Brent Walker were to fail are believed to be Hill Samuel, Lloyds and Svenska, the Swedish bank.

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New catalyst cuts price to 5-year low

Cheap rival makes platinum backfire

By Colin Campbell

PRICES of platinum group metals (pgms) yesterday choked on investment fumes, and staggered in hectic trading, after Nissan, the Japanese car group, said it had developed a new and cheaper palladium autocatalyst than those using platinum and rhodium.

The fear of reduced Japanese pgm demand from a country that consumes 10 per cent of the world supply in its automotive industry sent platinum to its lowest level in five years.

At its low point, the metal was quoted at $357.50 an ounce – falling below the gold price – compared with a previous $394, before settling at $370 for a $24 fall on the day.

Wide trading ranges for rhodium underlined the market's uncertainty over the "Nissan shock".

The rhodium price, which in the past two years has traded between $1,300 and $7,000 an ounce, yesterday fell from $3,900 to a posted price of $3,750 an ounce. The buy-sell price was $2,250 to $3,750 an ounce.

Palladium prices rose from $93.50 to $99 an ounce. The threat of reduced platinum and rhodium demand would have repercussions for the foreign currency earnings of South Africa and Russia where the world's largest pgms deposits are mined.

Share prices of pgm-related groups fell. Lonrho, with extensive pgm interests in South Africa, was 9p lower at 235p. Johnson Matthey was 3½p weaker at 299p. At one point, platinum traded at a discount to the gold price.

There was a similar "car shock" in 1988 when Ford of America said it had developed a platinum-free autocatalyst.

The Ford converter is still under development. It is likely to take at least three years before Nissan is able to replace in commercial quantities the current platinum/rhodium converter with any new development.

Jeremy Coombes, author of the noted *Platinum Review* at Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, said Japanese pollution controls were less stringent than America's, and technical problems would have to be resolved before the threat could be taken seriously.

The pgm family of exotic metals consists of platinum, palladium, rhodium, ruthenium, iridium and osmium. They are used in a wide range of applications – autocatalysts, jewellery, electronics, glass, scientific experiments and anti-cancer drugs. Extraction of each metal from the host rock requires specialist refining. The price of osmium, is "by appointment only" because it is rarely traded.

"I would swap my life with anybody", a seasoned trader said last night after a day to remember in precious metal markets.

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Attali urges east Europe to link with ecu

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

JACQUES Attali, the president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, has called on the countries of eastern Europe to peg their currencies to the European currency unit and abandon the dollar link, currently in force in some of the states.

M Attali, in what amounts to his first macroeconomic blueprint for eastern Europe, said during the EMU conference in London: "Despite the recognition accorded to the dollar, it is not by any means ideal for our present purposes for two reasons. The United States does not have as good a record for price stability as Germany, or in recent years, several other European countries, such as France. More importantly, the countries of central Europe trade much more with Germany in particular, and the EC in general, than with the US."

His proposal is likely to cause controversy in eastern Europe, where there is opposition to hard currency regimes. Eastern Europeans fear an acceleration of the destruction of the region's industrial base, leading to higher unemployment.

M Attali said: "The ecu shares many of the features of the mark for these purposes. Though it is, for the present, somewhat less readily traded against third currencies, it might well be more acceptable than any single national European currency, while also symbolising the central European currencies' aspirations in relation to community membership . . . I conclude that the countries of central Europe would be well advised to use the ecu value of their currencies as the anchor for their nominal price systems."

M Attali said, however, the ecu anchor should not be adopted as an irreversible process due to currently large inflation differentials. The result would be an East German-style collapse in the economy.

Instead, "a possibly credible assurance that this would not happen would be to specify an upper limit, perhaps initially 5 per cent per annum, or even 10 per cent, as the level to which the exchange rate would be allowed to depreciate after an initial fixed period. Thus, exchange rate policy is of vital importance and an ecu link has a great deal to be said for it".

M Attali's suggestion for an ecu link was supported by Rudiger Dornbusch, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and one of the best-known international economists. He recommended east European countries take the plunge into the "cold bath" by adopting an immediate policy to free their exchange rates, followed by a decision to fix their rates to the ecu.

"A European money would play an important role in filling a vacuum that one should not allow Germany to fill by default," he said in reference to the possibility that the mark would take on the dominant role if moves towards a single European currency were delayed.



Attali: blueprint

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SW Water makes £88m

By COLIN CAMPBELL

SOUTH West Water has reported pre-tax profits of £88.2 million for the 12 months ended March 31, its first full financial year as a public company. This compared with a pro forma £45.3 million for the previous year. A final dividend of 13.3p makes 20p for the year.

Keith Court, the chairman, says that capital expenditure jumped by 50 per cent to a record £119.3 million. He added that it was expected to rise by a further 50 per cent this year.

The company spent £18.4 million on water treatment and £39.4 million on water distribution.

Mr Court said: "The balance sheet remains strong. We have put in place a significant part of the funding for the planned ten-year water and sewage capital investment programme."

He said that in 1989 100 per cent of customers had been affected by a hosepipe ban, but this had been reduced to 40 per cent last year.

The share flotation brought in £265.9 million cash, of which £240 million was still on hand at the year-end. Interest received in the year reached £36.9 million.

The outstanding 70p-a-share take-up price of the shares that were offered at 170p is due in July. The shares traded at 290p yesterday.



Making a splash: Keith Court of South West Water

Shell Chemicals profit prospects 'discouraging'

By MARTIN BARROW

SHELL UK has warned that trading conditions in chemicals had become more difficult than first feared.

John Collins, chairman and chief executive, said yesterday that the business was in a deeper trough than had been thought, and that profit prospects for Shell Chemicals were "discouraging".

Last year Shell Chemicals made a £25 million loss (£66 million profits) but the company believed that improving economic prospects in Britain and a return to stable oil prices augured well for the business.

Mr Collins, echoing gloomy trading statements from ICI earlier this year, warned that the downturn in chemicals would continue for longer than expected.

He said that the recession was still having a severe impact on demand.

Mr Collins added that there was also substantial overhang of surplus capacity arising from the construction of new plant in the Far East.

Existing investment programmes in chemicals would not be affected. Mr Collins said, but he indicated that Shell's long-term commitment to the sector depended on an improvement in return on capital. Mr Collins, who has spent most of his career at Shell working in chemicals, said the industry was "not developing maturity in its ability to move from feast to famine".

Shell manufactures chemicals at Stanlow and Carrington in Cheshire, and at Shell Haven in Essex.

Shell UK, the second biggest subsidiary in the Shell group, increased net income from £363 million to £414 million last year.

Pre-tax profits fell to £412 million (£655 million) but post-tax earnings benefited from the release of substantial deferred taxation provisions.

McCarthy launches cash call for homes

McCARTHY & Stone, the retirement home developer, has launched a three-for-eight rights issue to raise £13.3 million to help fund its planned £80 million construction programme in the UK aimed at creating more than 2,000 jobs.

The developer said work at nearly 20 sites would start within the next few months, with a further nine developments beginning later in the year. The company said there was a "pent-up" demand for retirement homes that had prompted it to re-start construction. McCarthy & Stone plans recruitment drives to fill jobs.

The shares are being offered at 72p, compared with a pre-announcement market price of 89p. The shares fell 6p to 83p on the news of the rights issue.

The company said it remained cautious about the level of unit sales in the current financial year, but looked forward to a recovery towards the second half of the 1991-2 financial year, which ends on August 31 1992. The recent signs of movement in the second-hand housing market and a growing proportion of sales in the Southeast were encouraging, the company said. The issue will bring pro forma gearing down to 69 per cent and reduce the proportion of shares held by the company founders from 43.3 per cent to 31.9 per cent.

Dissidents at Tace outline grievances

DISSIDENT shareholders in Tace, the troubled manufacturer of environmental controls, have outlined their grievances against the company and named the team they want to replace the board.

Norwich Union and Framlington, who together own 27 per cent of Tace, accuse the directors of paying themselves too much and of allowing central costs and borrowings to rise steeply when earnings were in decline.

Dick Richardson, managing director of Tace, has rejected the complaints.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Cash-rich Dunhill rises to £73.9m

DUNHILL Holdings, the luxury goods group that is 56 per cent owned by Rothmans International, saw its net cash pile rise by £46.1 million to £163.8 million while pre-tax profits rose 22 per cent to £73.9 million (£60.6 million) on a turnover that fell to £227.3 million (£240.2 million) in the year to end March. Lord Douro, Dunhill's deputy chairman, said the group is looking for acquisitions and that suitable businesses were getting cheaper every month.

Operating profit, before interest, was 14 per cent higher, while net interest received increased to £18.7 million (£12.1 million). The final dividend rises to 4.4p (3.5p), making 7p (5.5p) for the year and shares traded at 445p, down 1p.

Greenall seeks to raise £55m

GREENALL Whitley, the Northwest public house and hotel manager, has issued a 23 year debenture to raise £55 million. The stock will carry a 11.5 per cent coupon, equivalent to 145 basis points over the benchmark gilt. The funds are being swapped into floating rate money at 50 basis points over Libor.

Bridgend sheds stake

BRIDGEND Group is to dispose of its 14.8 per cent stake in the Cowan, de Groot toys and industrial hardware company, for which it launched a hostile bid this month, to an unnamed third party. The price is 25p a share, compared with a 17½p market price. Bridgend's £4 million offer will lapse on June 4.

Argyll sells off-licences

ARGYLL, the Safeway supermarket group, has sold its Winterschladen chain of off-licences to Victoria Wine, a subsidiary of Allied Lyons, for an undisclosed price. The chain trades mainly in the Northeast and the 45 shops will be converted into Victoria Wine outlets on completion of the deal.

Mike Hammond, managing director of Victoria Wine, said: "The purchase is of significant strategic importance for Victoria Wine. Not only does it strengthen our presence in the Northeast of England but it also provides us with an opportunity to increase total market share."

Scandinavian claims win

ANGLO Scandinavian Investment Trust has won 17.6 per cent acceptances for its £8.4 million offer for Lancashire & London Investment Trust. With the shares it already owned, Anglo Scandinavian controls a total of 45 per cent and claims that the acceptances represent 52 per cent of the independently held shares.

Tate & Lyle extends bid

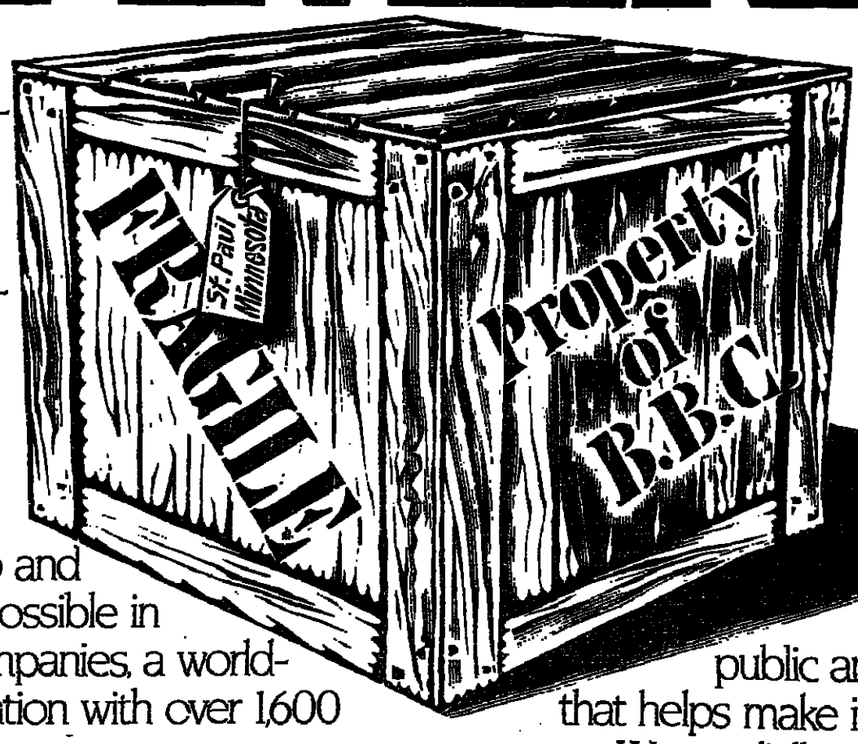
TATE & Lyle, the sugar refiner, has extended its takeover bid for Bundaberg Sugar, the Australian company, by three weeks to June 28. Tate & Lyle already owns 5.02 per cent of its target. Bundaberg has rejected as too low the Aus$4.10 (£1.79) a share offer; its shares closed down 7 cents at Aus$3.72.

Rank given time to sell

PETER Lilley, the trade secretary, has agreed to a request from The Rank Organisation for a further three-month extension, to August 31, of the disposal period for eight of the its Mecca bingo clubs. The prospective purchaser still awaits the necessary certificates of consent from the gaming board.

Mr Lilley has also decided not to refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission Boddington's offer for JA Devenish, Allied Irish Bank's acquisition of TSB Northern Ireland, and the purchase by Assicurazioni Generali and NCM of the insurance services group of the Export Credit Guarantee Department.

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Fair play for some ICI investors

COMMENT

ICI has almost 350,000 shareholders. Only a handful were privileged to be present at two special briefings given for stockbrokers' analysts this week. It is almost beyond belief that a company in ICI's position failed to spot the insensitivity of holding such meetings with Lord Hanson breathing down its neck, and every single shareholder from Aberdeen to Yokohama eager for any scrap of news on how well or badly the company is faring.

For years such cosy gatherings have been a sore point with small investors and those concerned with their fair treatment. In theory no price sensitive information is supposed to pass. In practice, analysts rarely emerge from their discussions with senior company executives without a feeling that they have been updated in one way or another. Frequently there are sharp share price movements shortly after the participants have returned to their desks.

In the past, some responsible managements have become deeply uneasy at the thought that analyst briefings favour only a charmed circle of brokers' clients and banned them apart from certain times of the financial year. The most obviously fair moment is following the circulation of the annual accounts when substantial amounts of information are made available to all.

The Takeover Panel has strict rules about meetings with analysts and shareholders during the course of a bid, which ICI is within its rights to disregard entirely at the moment. But panel officials are nevertheless uneasy about price sensitive information passing however obliquely or accidentally at other times too.

The dilemma for regulators is that in general terms meetings with expert followers of a company and its larger shareholders are an important channel of communication. It is clearly impossible to include Aunt Agatha and the rest of the private investors and it is by no means clear that they would be any the wiser if they were to attend what are often technical question and answer sessions. But there are times, and ICI is in such a period, when a company should treat all shareholders more equally and be seen to be doing so.

ICI met a party of analysts on Tuesday and entertained more yesterday. Those present came away with a clear view that second quarter trading has been poor. Others have been able harden their impression that the third quarter outlook is not so hot either. ICI shares, meanwhile, have been on the move yesterday. It is not easy to say how much yesterday's rise was due to the analysts meeting during the day. But confirmation that second quarter profits will be poor leads inevitably to the conclusion that ICI would have more rather than less trouble in defending a Hanson bid and that therefore a bid becomes more likely.

While ICI is technically not in a takeover bid at present, it is a reasonable assumption that one might emerge before long. And if ICI wishes to retain the loyalty of all its investors while their company is under seige, it would do well to remember why ordinary shares are also known as equity.

Hot air on gas

The idea that British Gas is profiteering, as some of the headlines suggested yesterday morning, should be treated as so much hot air. The facts are far more sober. The group would make more if it were able to sell all of its assets and lodge them with a building society. Due to nothing much more than a return to normal winter weather after three mild years in row, the company produced a handsome profits rise. Colder weather added £160 million to profits last year after milder weather reduced profits by £250 million in previous 12 months. On a "weather-adjusted basis" post-tax profits increased by 7 per cent.

But British Gas earns but a modest return on the capital employed in its businesses.

Figures for 1991 will be included in the annual report, but they are estimated at 7.9 per cent on a current cost accounting basis. In 1990, the rate of return was 5.5 per cent and in 1989 a mere 6.2 per cent.

Nor have British Gas customers enjoyed anything like a raw deal. Since privatisation, real gas prices have fallen by 14 per cent due partly, at least, to a tight regulatory regime imposed by Ofgas. Under the present RPI minus 2 per cent formula, tariffs increased by 7.5 per cent in March 1990 and by between 3.3 per cent and 3.5 per cent in November because of higher than expected inflation.

British Gas faces an even tougher regime in future. A new price formula agreed with Ofgas allows price increases of one percentage point less than British Gas pays for its own supplies. This comes into effect from April 1992 and thereafter the maximum increase allowed will be RPI minus 5 percentage points.

British Gas does have some strong advanatages. It may buy up to 90 per cent of all new gas discoveries in Britain's offshore fields. However, since controls were introduced, 40 per cent of new gas has gone to other potential suppliers.

Customers, in the meantime, have voted with their feet. Another 270,000 customers were added last year; the number of gas central heating systems now in use rose by around 500,000. Figures like these speak for themselves.

Brent Walker faces up to life without George

Brent Walker's founder has at last resigned. Matthew Bond charts his fall

AS POUNDS of flesh go, George Walker's was always going to prove expensive. Yesterday, when he finally bowed to the inevitable and stepped down as the chief executive of Brent Walker, the leisure company he created and ran, its banks were owed up to £1.5 billion.

Mr Walker's apparently enforced departure seems to represent little in the way of progress, either for the banks, which are certainly no closer to getting any of their money back, or for Brent Walker, whose employees now have to face up to an uncertain future of life without George.

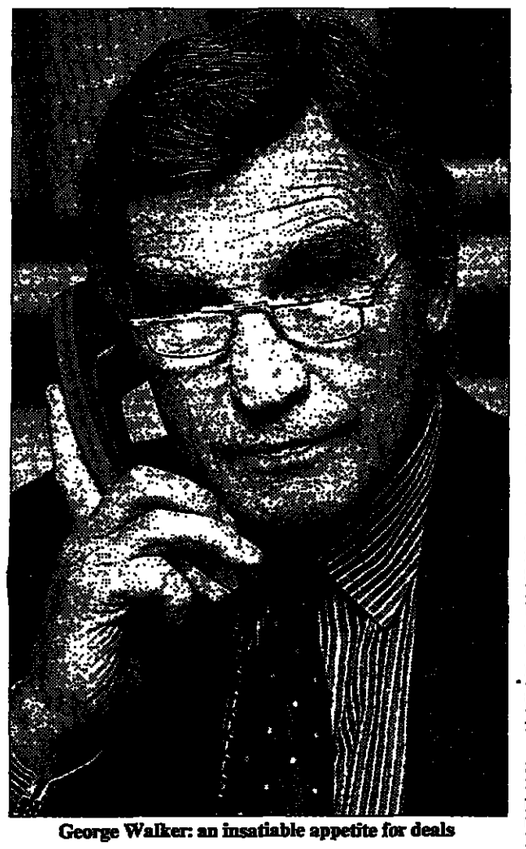
Even so, with Brent Walker's 70 or so banks struggling to maintain the united front that alone can keep the group out of administration or receivership, the time was right for a sacrifice. And the shortlist of candidates only ever had one name on it.

So, at 11.09am yesterday, it was duly announced that Mr Walker had ceased to be chief executive of Brent Walker. The statement might as well have read: "Brent Walker has ceased to be". For George Walker was Brent Walker. He created it and it was his insatiable appetite for deals that bought it within a High Court appearance of destruction.

His demise simply formalises what anyone who follows the company has known for weeks — that Brent Walker has no future save as a damage limitation exercise for the banking community.

An ironic twist of fate ruled that Mr Walker's departure came six years, almost to the day, after he brought Brent Walker back to the stock market in an offer for sale that valued it at £34 million.

Yesterday, as City dealers calculated that Mr Walker's departure increased the company's chances of avoiding collapse, Brent Walker shares rose 6p to 35p, valuing the company at £17.5 million. Mr Walker, as he considers his future, could be forgiven for wondering whether it has all been worthwhile.



George Walker: an insatiable appetite for deals

'The time was right for a sacrifice. And the shortlist of candidates only ever had the one name on it'

Brent Walker's shareholders are already familiar with that feeling. Ten days ago, long after their shares had fallen to a level where selling was no longer a sensible option, Brent Walker finally reported its 1990 profits. They made extraordinary reading with pre-tax losses of £256 million and total provisions of £600 million. At the time, Mr Walker said he was confident of retaining his role. Less impartial observers merely speculated about how heavy losses had to be before the chief executive directly responsible had to go.

"Busy going nowhere" might be a suitable epitaph for Mr Walker's reign at Brent Walker. During the six-year period he did more deals than most chief executives do in a lifetime. Unfortunately he also changed corporate strategies almost as quickly, rapidly falling in and out of love with businesses including marinas, golf, casinos, films, drinks and betting shops.

It was his abiding passion for his last and biggest acquisition, the William Hill chain bought for £685 million in 1989, that was to be his undoing. The banks wanted William Hill sold. Mr Walker did not. The banks, probably for the first time in their dealings with Brent Walker, won.

Brent Walker's future, such as it is, is now dependent on the banks agreeing a permanent refinancing of the company. An informal deadline has been fixed for the end of next week, when £6 million of interest on the £100 million capital bond again falls due.

Mr Walker's problems will not necessarily come to an end with his departure as chief executive. He has never fought shy of putting his personal fortune behind the deals he sold to the City. When he brought the company back to the stock market in 1985, his family interests held on to 40 per cent of the equity. Six years on and umpteen deals later, that stake has only been reduced to 27 per cent.

But as the size of those deals grew, so did the amounts of money that the Walker family put into some of them. Less than two years ago, a private French company specially created for Mr Walker's three adult children, paid Brent Walker £50 million for four vineyards, part of the wine and spirits business bought from Lonrho.

Six months ago, Mr Walker was at it again, pumping £29 million of private money into the £100 million capital bond that formed the keystone of the company's temporarary financial restructuring.

He may be the only person who knows how these deals were financed and how they have stood up to the deteriorating economic environment. But the fact remains that 14 months ago, before an Easter account slide knocked Brent Walker's share price by almost 100p, his stake was worth close to £50 million. By lunchtime yesterday it was probably worthless.

Thorn needs to shed light

TEMPUS

THORN EMI is the Jekyll and Hyde of the FT-SE 100 index. On its bright side it owns businesses like HMV, Rent-a-Center and music publishing with impressive financial records and bags of growth potential. But lurking in the shadows there are some real shockers, like Rumbelows and lighting, from which it has persistently failed to break free.

The group's alter ego was seen in the figures for the year to end March. The 19 per cent fall in pre-tax profits, to £259 million, masked a 13 per cent rise in profits from the music division, to £112 million, and the continued expansion of Rent-a-Center, the American television rental chain.

The dichotomy can also be seen in Thorn's return on capital. The pre-tax return on "music" is almost 34 per cent. The rate on the group's "other businesses", including retailing, software, defence and lighting, is by contrast a miserable 16 per cent, and well adrift of the group's 25 per cent target.

These pressures have created a running sore in Thorn's profits record. Earnings are only 15 per cent higher than in 1984, while net assets are substantially lower. Another persistent injury is the annual rationalisation charge, £27.8 million last year and likely to be similar this year. The company also incurred a £57.8 million extraordinary loss on the sale of the lamps business.

Thorn is forced to live with its less appealing features. It would dearly like to sell Rumbelows, but the electrical retailer lost around £15 million in the year and is unlikely to attract a buyer at a reasonable price. Similarly, Colin Southgate, the chairman, is compelled to profess his allegiance to the lighting division since the group's failure to sell it to GTE last year.

These, plus the downturn in the high street will continue to depress Thorn's performance in the current year. A profit of £290 million would put the group on a p/e ratio of almost 12. Thorn's international spread makes it more attractive than most leisure companies during the recession but the shares have little upside until Mr Hyde is disposed of for good.

Babcock International

AN INCREASE in profits, a full order book and £69 million net cash in the bank are about as much as it might be reasonable to expect from an engineer in the depths of an economic recession. This is particularly so when the company in question, Babcock International, saw one of its better contracts surrender to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Babcock is having to run hard just to stand still, but it is not noticeably running short of breath. The restructuring of two years ago refocused management and tightened cash and contract controls. The 9.6 per cent profit advance to £46.7 million is evidence that, in the process, the group's stamina improved. Whether Babcock has the ability to accelerate remains to be seen.

The Iraqi hole in the Renfrew production line has been repaired with new business, the construction division is full of orders for the coming year, as is Claudius Peters, the German business.

Babcock's future competitiveness in power plant may depend on its success in linking with a European rival. The Pacific Rim and eastern Europe hold out enough promise to make such a move a priority. The Drax retrofit contract is on schedule. Fears that the £10 million Rosyth Dockyard profits stream could be lost when the management contract expires in three years' time are dismissed.

Profits may reach £50 million this year, but earnings will be restricted by a higher tax charge. At 6.8p a share they would leave the shares on a multiple of 8.4. Until the power contracts materialise, however, and the acquisition strategy is put into effect, Babcock, yielding 7.5 per cent, is destined to remain primarily an income stock.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hay making for Fimat

SOCIETE Générale, the French bank, has launched a strong push into UK oil futures trading. It has poached Angela Hay and her team from Sucden, the French commodities house, to set up an operation at Fimat, sister company to Société Générale Strauss Turnbull. Hay, aged 33, is joined by Kevin Fitzgerald and James Shellabear, both brokers, and their three-strong floor team. Whispers in the market are that Hay and her colleagues were about to be head-hunted by the bank when Sucden decided to pay them off. And the ironies do not end there. For Sucden, which has experienced heavy trading losses, is in discussions with its creditors, one of the largest of which happens to be . . . Société Générale.

In the deep end

NOEL Stewart, senior partner of Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte in Northern Ireland, has long been critical of Stormont's management of the Ulster economy. For years he has savaged local policies, singling out Richard Needham, the long-serving economy minister, for punishment. Now Needham, wearing his other hat as the provincial minister for the environment is set to exact his revenge. For he has appointed Stewart as chairman-designate of a new government-owned company that will take over the water service from October 1992. Stewart will thus be ultimately responsible for the treatment and disposal of Northern Ireland's sewage.



Fingers in play

JOHN "Fingers" Fingleton, an old hand at financial public relations, is back from Australia and back in business. Fingleton, aged 42, made his name at Shandwick Communications in the Eighties, acting for BTR among others, only to turn his back on the Square Mile at Christmas. After two months in Australia, he has joined College Hill Associates, a City PR firm. "More fun seems to be coming back into the M&A side," he says.

Charity links

BARELY has the dust settled on Kleinwort Benson's £68 million pre-tax loss — nearly half of it due to the Premier Oil stake — than its directors are taking to the golf course. KB Private Bank, the sister to KB Securities, has teamed up with the Variety Club for today's celebrity classic at Moor Park, Hertfordshire. Michael Beanmont, a senior KB director, will join Jimmy Tarbuck, Henry Cooper and Michael Parkinson on the green. The cost of the day's festivities? A mere £25,000, paid in full by KB and all in the name of charity.

Sparkling form

THE world's diamond dealers flocked to London this week for their biennial convention. The silver jubilee convention for representatives from 20 clubs and bourses, at the Grosvenor House hotel, was almost the poorer — thanks to a change of heart by President Gorbachev. Margaret Thatcher, who was billed as the guest speaker, pulled out after she was asked to bring forward her trip to the Soviet Union. The day was saved by Sir Denis, her husband, who was happy to pass on word about the importance of sparklers to the UK economy.

JON ASHWORTH

Scholl seeks £24.5m

SCHOLL, the personal care products company, is raising £24.5 million through a fully underwritten one-for-four rights issue at 170p, a 16 per cent discount to market price.

The money will be used to fund the company's expansion plans in Europe, Australia and the Far East, which will include acquisitions.

Scholl said that trading conditions remained difficult but that overall performance was broadly in line with last year. In 1990, the company made pre-tax profits of £14.2 million on sales of £145.8 million.

Royal disposal

Royal Insurance, the loss-making composite insurer, is selling Royal Life Ireland, its Irish unit-linked life assurance business, to Scottish Provident. The terms have not been finalised, but the insurer will retain its non unit-linked business and its general insurance operation in Ireland. The business comes with funds under management of £30 million.

Delta flights

Delta Airlines is to start a daily service between Manchester and Atlanta, Georgia, on June 27.

STOCK MARKET

ICI feels the Hanson effect

THE ability of ICI to fight off a bid from Hanson may have been affected as a result of a meeting between the company and some selected City analysts.

ICI's vulnerability to a bid from Hanson is now apparent and this was reflected in the share price which jumped by 32p to £12.86 as nearly 2 million shares changed hands, with most of the business made up of parcels of 50,000 shares. Dealers said this indicated that there was little support from the institutions and that market-makers rushing to cover short positions could be responsible for most of the turnover.

The meeting, which was made up of selected brokers, was criticised by other firms that had not been invited. The meeting had been arranged before Hanson made its raid on ICI earlier this month, when it picked up 30 million shares, or almost 3 per cent of the company, at £11.97 each.

ICI told the meeting that it was keeping an open mind on the possibility of Hanson making a bid and it concentrated instead on its second-quarter performance. But it was a gloomy tale that the company had to tell, with no signs of a pick-up.

One broker at the meeting said: "It has been an awful performance by the company and this will make it virtually impossible to defend itself on trading prospects alone."

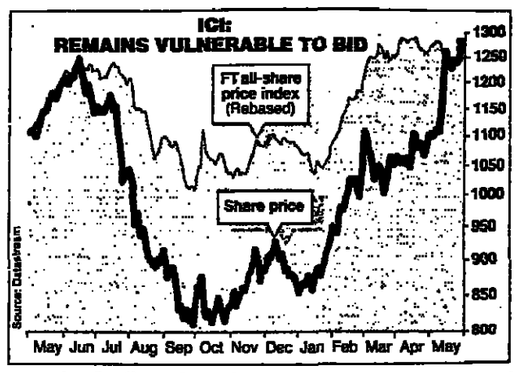
The City is forecasting another downturn in pre-tax profits in the current year, from £977 million to about £875 million.

Hanson was unchanged at 216½p. It has seen its profit on the share stake reach a handsome £18.3 million.

Meanwhile, the rest of the equity market spent a difficult day as this week's advance on the back of a firm Wall Street showed signs of running out of steam. Worries about economy returned after the latest quarterly review from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research, claiming that Britain was still in the grip of recession.

But events at ICI and the covering of a few short positions enabled prices to close off the bottom. The FT-SE 100 index managed to reduce a fall of almost 9 points to finish only 1.7 down at 2,491.2. The FT index of 30 shares added 1.6 at 1,948. Turnover generally remained thin with only 430 million shares traded.

Gilts remained overshadowed by fears about increased funding by the government and closed with losses of £¼ at the longer end.



Reuters, the international news agency and financial information group, suffered a setback, falling 21p to 846p on talk of further profit downgradings. There were also renewed fears that Reuters' Globex dealing system had been delayed. The system has already been ordered by the Chicago Options Market and Mercantile Exchange.

Increased competition is also a worry. EJV Partners is believed to be in a position to challenge Reuters with its own dealing and information systems.

British Gas jumped 7p to 251p after lifting pre-tax profits for last year from £1.3 billion to £1.85 billion and increasing the dividend by 19 per cent to 12.5p.

Operating profits of the gas supply operation rose 42 per cent to £1.25 billion, largely due to the cold winter. The group says it has 270,000 new customers and that demand remains buoyant.

Thorn EMI rose 10p to 706p despite a drop in annual pre-tax profits from £317.5 million to £258.6 million and an unchanged dividend. Analysts came away from a meeting with the company in a positive frame of mind about current prospects.

The resignation of George Walker as chief executive of **Brent Walker** was already widely anticipated in the Square Mile and the shares responded with a rise of 1p to 29p. The group is still in talks with a consortium of banks about rescheduling its debts.

McCarthy & Stone, 6p down at 83p, and **Schoell**, 6p cheaper at 201p, are the latest companies to ask shareholders for more money.

McCarthy, a sheltered accommodation group, is raising £13.3 million by a rights issue of three-for-eight at 72p, while Scholl, a footcare specialist, wants £24.5 million to finance acquisitions. Its terms are one-for-four at 170p.

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Hoare Govett rates Laporte, the specialist chemicals group, a sell. The broker has heavily downgraded its pre-tax profit estimate for the current year by £13 million to £105 million. It blames declining volume growth and price cutting at Interox, its joint venture with Solvay, the Belgian chemicals group, and poor trading in other areas. The shares ended 2p lower at 530p.

WORLD MARKETS

Dow moves ahead but lacks direction

New York
SHARES generally were firm in the late morning as blue chips made modest gains in largely directionless trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 5 points to 2,974.59. Tom Epperson, the director of research at Morgan Keegan and Co, said: "It's a waiting game because there's still a lot of concern about the economy."

Tokyo – Prices closed firmer, extending a recovery from a three-month closing low on Tuesday. The Nikkei index was up 151.99 points, or 0.60 per cent, to 25,647.40 with about 360 million shares traded.

Hong Kong – Shares ended sharply higher after feared measures to combat inflation failed to materialise. The Hang Seng index jumped 54.33 points to 3,679.72.

Sydney – Australian shares steadied to close slightly lower in thin trading. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,500.5, down 3.9 points.

Singapore – Prices closed mostly lower on profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index lost 3.29 to 1,546.30.

Frankfurt was closed for a religious holiday. *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	May 30 midday	May 29 close		May 30 midday	May 29 close		May 30 midday	May 29 close
Abbott Lab	52¾	53	Enron	80¾	80¾	Onyx Energy	33¾	33¾
Aetna Life	41¾	41¾	Entergy	24¾	24	Pac Ent	31¼	31¾
Ahmanson	18¾	18¾	Ethyl	29⅞	28⅝	Pac Gas Elec	28	28
Air Prods	68¾	68¾	Exxon	68⅝	68⅝	Pac Telesis	40¾	39¾
Albertsons	43¾	44	Fed NMA	49⅝	48¾	Paccar	47½	46¾
Allgen Al	20¾	20¼	Fedel Expre	38¾	38¾	PacifiCorp	20⅞	21
Alco Stand	30½	30	Fit Nonstar	24⅞	24¾	Pall	37¾	38¼
Allied Signal	29¾	28¾	Fluor	47¼	46¾	Paramount	36¾	37¾
Alumin CA	71½	72	FMC	41¾	41¾	Parker-Hanin	28	27¾
Am Brands	41½	40¾	Ford Motor	36⅝	36⅞	Penney	57¾	57¾
Am Cyanamd	85⅛	84¾	FPL	30⅞	30¾	Pennzoil	69	68¾
Am EPC	28⅝	29	Fst Chicago	27⅞	27¾	Pepsico	31¼	32¼
Am General	36¼	36	Fst Interst	30¾	30¾	Pfizer	59¾	59¾
Am Home	61⅜	61¾	Fst Union	21¾	21⅝	Philips Pet	28⅛	25¾
Am Intl	88	87¾	Gannett	43¾	42¾	Philips Elec	20¾	20⅝
Am Medical	11⅜	11⅛	Gen Cinema	22¾	23	Philip Morris	68⅞	68¾
Am Stores	85	84¾	Gen Elec	76⅝	74⅝	Phillips Dodge	64	63¾
Amax	24⅝	24¾	Gen Mills	58⅝	58	Phony Bone	58½	58¾
Amer Hese	83¾	82¾	Gen Motors	42⅝	42¾	Pitr Bowe	12¾	12½
Amerltech	90¾	88¾	Gen RE	92⅜	91½	PNC Fncl	35¼	34¾
Amex	25¼	25¾	Gen Signal	44¼	43¾	Pnkdie Ecm	12½	12¾
Amoco	51½	51¾	Genentech	28⅝	28¾	Polaroid	24¾	24¾
AMP	50¾	49¾	Genuine Pts	40¾	40	PPG Inds	51¾	49¾
AMR	84	83	Georgia-Pac	55	53½	Procr Gamble	85¼	83¾
Anheuser-B	52¾	51¼	Gillette	57	56⅝	Price	58¾	57¾
Apple Comp	47	47	Goodrich	38¾	38¾	Primerica	30½	30
Archer-Dan	22	22¼	Goodyear	28⅝	28	Pub Service	27¾	27¾
Arkla	18⅝	18¾	Grace	32⅝	31¾	Quaker Oats	57¾	57¾
Armstrong	27½	28⅝	Greyhound	34¾	34¾	Raleton Pur	52¼	52¾
Asarco	25⅝	25⅝	Gt Atlantic	47¾	47¾	Raychem	28¼	28½
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32¾	Gt Westrn	18⅝	18⅝	Raytheon	83	82¾
AT&T	37¾	36⅞	GTE	29⅝	29¾	Reebok	22	22¾
Atlan Richfld	122	122¾	Halliburn	43¾	42¾	Rockwell	32¾	32½
Auto DP	53¾	53¾	Heinz	57¾	57¾	Rohm Haas	40¾	41¾
Avery Intl	24	24	Hercules	38⅝	38¾	Royal Dutch	61¾	62¼
Avon Prod	43¾	43¾	Hershey Fd	53¾	53¾	Rubbermaid	52¾	51¾
Baltimore	29⅝	29¾	Hewlett Pkd	33¾	33¾	Rymkts Mil	62¾	61¾
Banc One	38¾	38¾	Hilton Hd	46¾	47¾	Safeco	42¼	41¾
Bankamerica	40¾	39¾	Home Depot	68	63¾	Salomon	34	33¾
Bard	28¾	27	Homestake	14¾	14¾	Sand Fe Pac	9¾	9¾
Barrett Bl	29⅝	30¼	Honeywell	56¾	58	Sara Lee	40	39¾
Bausch Lmb	58	57¾	Houston Ind	36¾	36¾	Schlumbrg	61¾	61
Bauder Intl	35⅝	35¾	Howtld Intl	47¾	47¾	Schrg-Plgh	53¾	53½
Bec Dickin	77¾	77¾	Humana	50¾	51	Scott Paper	44¼	43¾
Bell Atlan	47	46¾	IBM	104¾	104¾	Seagram	104¾	103¾
Bellsouth	49¾	49¾	IF&F	80¾	80¾	Sears Rbk	40¾	39¾
Bir Hughes	27¾	28¾	Imco	33¾	33¾	Security Pac	25¾	25¾
Black Decker	14¾	13¾	Ingsol-Rand	68¾	68¾	Sherwin-Wilms	24¾	24¾
Block	54	54	Inland Steel	22¾	23¾	Skyline	15¾	15¾
Blkns Tst NY	53¾	53¾	Intel	53	52¾	Smkl-on Tls	30¾	30
Boeing	47¾	46¾	Intl Paper	67¾	67¾	Soutstero	27¾	27¾
Boise Casc	26¼	25¾	ITT	59¾	59¾	St Paul	66¾	66¾
Borden	37¾	38	Jones Inter	25¾	25¾	Stanley Wk	35¾	35¾
Brist-Myer	83¾	83¾	Johnson Jhsn	93¾	93¾	Stone Cntr	20¾	19¾
Brown-For	29¾	29¾	K Mart	46¾	46¾	Sun Co	33¾	33¾
Burl Nth	32¾	31¾	Kellogg	56	57¾	Sunbst Bk	30	30
CAI	9¾	9¾	Kerr-McGee	42¾	42¾	Super Valu	28¾	28¾
Campbell Sp	78	78¾	Kimby-Clrk	93¾	94¾	SW Bell	50¾	49¾
Cap Cities	448	445	Knight-Ridr	54	55¾	Sprint	42¾	42¾
Capital HC	48¾	48¾	Lilly	81¾	80¾	Sysco	43	43¾
Carolina	46	45¾	Limited	28¾	28	Tandem	18¾	18¾
Caterpillar	49¾	47¾	Lin Bnkshp	66¼	66¾	Tandy	33	32¼
CBS	154¾	153¾	Lincln Nat	46¾	46¾	Tele-Comm	16¾	15¾
Central SW	45¾	46¾	Litton Ind	82	81¾	Teledyne	19¾	19¾
Champion	28¾	28¾	Lockheed	42	42¾	Temple-In	43¾	42¾
Chase Man	18¾	18¾	Louis-Pac	40¾	40¾	Tenneco	44¼	43¾
Chase Bnkg	20¾	20¾	Manu Hano	24¾	24¾	Texaco	64¾	65¾
Chevron	73¾	73¾	Marriott	20¾	20¾	Texas Inst	37¾	36¾
Chrysler	14½	14¾	Marsh Mclen	78¾	79¾	Texas Util	36¾	36¾
Chubb	68	67¾	Martin Mar	60¾	59¾	Textron	34	33¾
Cigna	48¾	48¾	Masco	24¾	23¾	Time Wrnr	116¾	116
Citicorp	16¾	16	May Dept	67¾	67¾	Times Mirr	30	29¾
Clorox	44¾	45¾	Maytag	16	15¾	Tmken	26¾	25¾
Coastal	40¾	39¾	McDnl Doug	51¾	51	Torchmark	54¼	53¾
Coca-Cola	57¾	58¾	McDonalds	35¾	34¾	Toys R Us	29¾	29¾
Colgate-Pal	40¾	40¾	McGraw-Hill	62¾	61¾	Transam	34	33¾
Columb Gas	40¾	40¾	MCI Com	30¾	30¾	Travelers	24¾	24¾
Compaq	38	37¾	Medtronic	119¾	117¾	Trinova	44¾	45¾
Conagra	46¾	46¾	Mellon Bk	30¾	30¾	TRW	40¾	40
Cons Edis	24¾	24¾	Melville	51¾	50¾	Tyco Lab	49¾	49¾
Cons ND	41¾	41¾	Merck	121¾	121¾	UAL	150¾	147¾
Coca Rail	55	53¾	Merl Lynch	40¾	40	Un Camp	43¾	43¾
Cooper Ind	59¾	62	MMM	92	90¾	Un Carbide	20¾	19¾
Corning	60¾	60¾	Mobil	65¾	65¾	Un Pacific	86	85¾
CPC Intl	66	66¾	Monsanto	66¾	66¾	Unilever	84¾	84¾
Crown Cork	73	73	Moore	27¾	27	Unisys	3¾	3¾
CSX	45¾	45	Morgan	54¾	53¾	Unocal	25¾	25¾
Dana	34¾	34¾	Motorola	69¾	68¾	Upjohn	45¾	43¾
Dayton-Hud	77¾	76¾	Nat Medical	48	47¾	US West	38¾	38
Deere	53¾	52¾	Nat Semi	6¾	6¾	Utah Gp	17¾	16¾
Delta Air	73¾	72¾	Nat Service	25¾	25	USF&G	10¾	10¾
Deluxe	40¾	40¾	Navistar	3¾	3¾	US Life	39¾	39¾
Detroit Ed	28¾	28¾	NCNB	41¾	41¾	UST	45½	45¾
Digital Eq	66¾	67¾	NCR	105¾	105¾	USX Mar	n/a	n/a
Dillard	127¾	126¾	Newmnt Min	38¾	38¾	Utd Tech	44	44¼
Disney	116¾	116¾	Nicpr Minek	35¾	36¾	Utd Telcm	27¾	27¾
Dominion	47¾	47¾	Nike	15¾	15¾	VF	30½	29¾
Donnelley	46	45¼	NL Indstrs	38¾	39¾	Wal-Mart	41¾	41¾
Dover	40¾	40¾	Nordstrom	15	14¼	Waste Mgmt	40¾	40¾
Dow Chem	54¾	53¾	Norflk Sthn	43¾	44¾	Wells Fargo	94¾	93¾
Dow Jones	27¾	27¾	Norwest	48	47¾	Westg Elec	29	28¾
Dresser Ind	21¾	21¾	Nthn St Pwr	29¾	29¾	Weyerhsr	29¾	29¾
Du Pont	46¾	45¼	Nthn Telcm	33¾	33¾	Whirlpool	33¾	32¾
Duke Pwr	27¾	27¾	NY Times	38¾	38¾	Whittaker	13¾	13¾
Dun Bradst	46¾	47¾	Nynex	22¾	22¾	Winn-Dixie	37¾	37¾
East Kodak	41¾	40¾	Ocdnl Petrl	70¾	69¾	Woolworth	31½	30¾
Eaton	58¾	58¾	Ohio Ed	20¾	19¾	Wrigley	62¾	62¾
Emerson El	46¾	46¼	Oracle Sys	18¾	18¾	Wmer-Lamb	74¼	73¾
				7¾	7¾	Xerox	58	57¾

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,593	CU	365	Lucas	727	Royal Ins	365
Allid-Lyons	2,134	Courtaulds	631	M&S	3,349	Sainsbury	302
Anglian	41	Enterprise	1,102	Maxwell Cm	487	Scot & N	1,123
ASDA	4,085	Eurotunnel	105	MEPC	174	Sears	1,885
AB Foods	34	Fisons	964	Midland	242	Severn Trnt	886
Argyll	2,733	Gen Acc	1,087	Natl Power	10,118	Shell	2,962
BAA	431	GEC	3,803	Nat West	4,105	Smith & N	1,494
BET	1,772	Glaxo	1,285	N W Water	747	SK Beech	1,160
BTR	2,087	Grand Met	348	P&O	2,138	Sun Alnce	372
BAT	1,234	GUS 'A'	573	Pearson	839	Tarmac	1,782
Barclays	1,853	GRE	1,557	Pilkington	15	Tate Lyle	732
Bass	391	Guinness	1,882	PowerGen	6,417	TSB	3,225
BICC	126	Hamm 'A'	458	Prudential	8,093	Tesco	1,034
Bk Scotind	967	Hanson	4,454	Racal	3,797	Thames Wtr	451
Blue Circle	582	H & C	1,031	Rk Hovis	248	Thorn EMI	2,258
BOC	106	Hawker	280	Rank	298	Trafalgar	1,721
Boots	988	Hillsdown	1,358	R&C	109	THF	1,140
Br Aero	557	ICI	1,951	Redland	590	Ultramar	484
Br Airways	2,125	Kingfisher	1,507	Reed	1,541	Unilever	1,031
Br Gas	16,480	Lasmo	482	Reuters	1,502	United Bis	1,136
Br Petrol	5,104	Ladbroke	576	RMC Gp	468	Wellcome	546
Br Steel	6,675	Land Sec	1,440	RTZ	882	Whitbrd	435
Br Telecm	2,745	L&G	776	R-Royce	5,955	Wig Teape	841
C&W	1,240	Lloyds	1,922	Rothmn 'B'	260	Williams	1,360
Cadbury	719	Lonmho	6,088	Royal Bank	346	Willis Cor	1,374

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	123
Aberforth Split (100p)	106
Alliance Res	22
Alpine Group	18
Brabant Res (155p)	132
CMW Group	58 +1
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	107
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101 –1
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
Eidos	50
East Germany Inv (100p)	111
Etonbrook	64
Faber Prest	159
Geared Inc (100p)	106
Globe Pet	40
Greencore	222 +1
Greenwich Res	21
Headline Book (100p)	123
MMEC	3
Malvern UK	102
Manpower	£12⅛
Mirror Group (125p)	113
Oryx Gold	194
River&Merc Smlr (100p)	102
St James Place	79
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	75 –2
TR Euro Growth	101
Tollgate	77
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	40
Unichem	167 +1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Argyll N/P	40 –1
Benchmark N/P	⅛ –⅛
Bioplan N/P	⅛ –⅛
Cannon Street N/P	⅛ –⅛
Cussins Prop N/P	3
Guinness Mahon N/P	¾
Lovell (YJ) N/P	2¼ –¼
Scapa N/P	12 –2
Tr High Inc N/P	2
Westminster N/P	¾

(Issue price in brackets).

MAJOR INDICES

New York:		General	5763.64 (–1.95)
Dow Jones	2991.28 (+21.69)*	Paris: CAC	484.09 (–0.17)
S&P Composite	385.64 (+2.85)*	Zurich: SKA Gen	548.0 (–0.5)
Tokyo:		London:	
Nikkei Average	25647.40 (+151.99)	FT–A All-Share	1168.48 (–1.00)
Hong Kong:		FT–"500"	1325.81 (–1.12)
Hang Seng	3679.72 (+54.33)	FT. Gold Mines	173.8 (+1.8)
FT-SE Euro 100	1149.02 (+8.26)	FT. Fixed interest	93.61 (–0.02)
Amsterdam:		FT Govt Secs	84.20 (–0.15)
CBS Tendency	95.1 (+0.6)	Bargains	26167
Sydney: AO	1500.5 (–3.9)	SEAQ Volume	430.8m
Frankfurt: DAX	Closed	USM (Datastream)	135.72 (–0.65)
Brussels:		*Denotes latest trading price	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 28	Jun 7	Aug 23	Sep 9

Call options were taken out on: 30/5/91 Atlantic Res, Barlsford Intl, Control Secs, Cookson, Dewhirst, Goers Gross, Oliver Res, Markheath Secs, Premier Cons Oil, Tvelar Res.
Puts: Brent Walker, Lloyds Abbey Life.

A GOOD YEAR IN BRITAIN, WITH SIGNS OF GROWTH AROUND THE WORLD.

British Gas has had a good year with increases in turnover, profit and dividend, helped by last winter's cold snap which brought record domestic sales of gas:

ANNUAL RESULTS	1990	1991
Turnover (£m)	7983	9491
Profit to British Gas Shareholders (£m)	692 (926)	918 (1211)
Earnings per share (p)	16.2 (21.7)	21.5 (28.4)
Dividend (p)	10.5	12.5

(Profit and earnings expressed in current cost terms; historical cost figures in brackets)

We connected a further 270,000 customers in Britain and gained a million customers in Canada as a result of our acquisition of Consumers Gas of Toronto.

You're now likely to come across the familiar face of British Gas not just in Canada, but also in some of the more remote corners of the world.

In 1989, we fixed our sights beyond the British market. We set out to become the world's first global gas company. In just two years, all the signs are there of a company making a name for itself internationally.

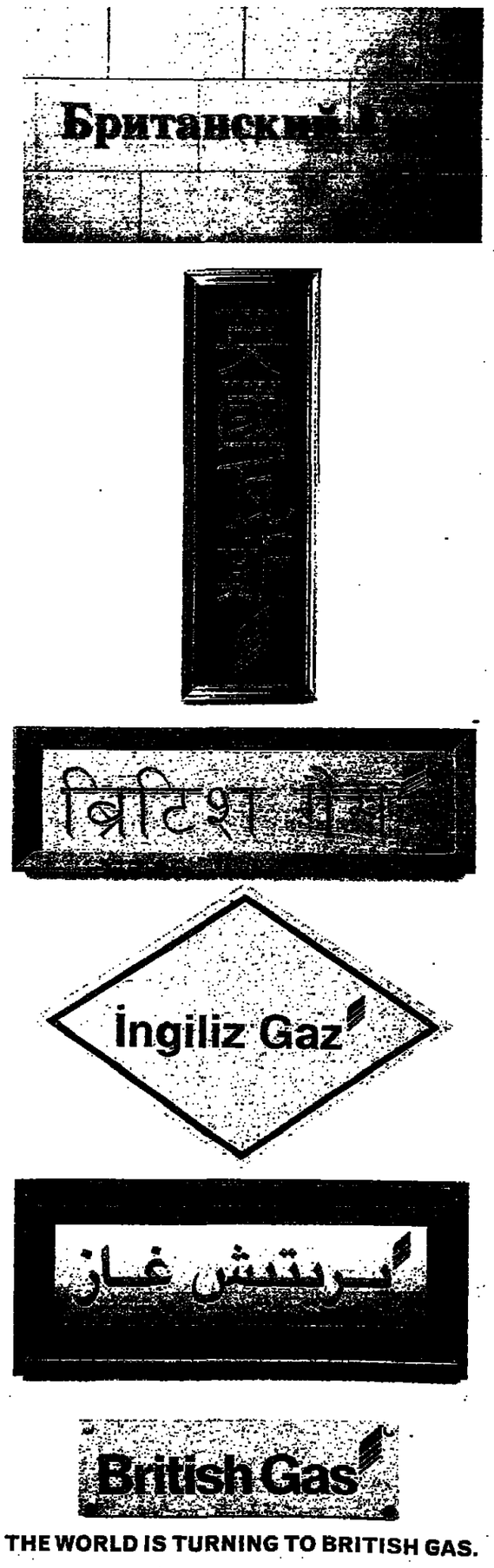
It's a strategy which will leave us less dependent on the British economy as well as the vagaries of the good old British weather.

We're exploring for oil and gas in five continents from North America to Asia. And we've exported our technology to over 30 countries.

In Ankara, we're busily involved on a multi-million pound project converting them to gas. Whilst in Delhi we're looking at the feasibility of turning one of the world's most heavily populated cities onto the world's most economical fuel.

So British Gas might not be quite as easily recognisable as it was a few years ago.

But one thing is certain. The more the world turns to British Gas, the greater the opportunities for business growth.



THE WORLD IS TURNING TO BRITISH GAS.

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Europeans make urgent plea for one currency

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU, EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

THREE of Europe's most prominent businessmen, Gianni Agnelli, the president of Fiat, Hilmar Kopper, chief executive of Deutsche Bank, and Cor van der Klugt, the former president of Philips, have launched an impassioned plea for a speedy introduction of a single European currency as early as 1997.

At a conference in central London, organised by the Royal Institute for International Affairs and the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe to discuss the implications of a single currency, Herr Kopper called on Britain to embrace monetary union following the offer, by the European Commission, to allow a future British parliament to opt out of the single currency in return for Britain's agreement to the revision of the Treaty of Rome.

"Let me say here right away that I sincerely hope and trust that politicians in this country will in due time share the aspirations of the business and banking community, and that the United Kingdom will join the so-called core group in the move to full monetary union before the end of this decade," he said.

Mr van der Klugt, the first conference speaker, whose speech preceded that of Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, made a more open attack on the British government's hard ecu proposal by stressing that Europe "needs a single and not a common currency".

"When we started the Association for the Monetary Union of Europe three and a half years ago, many people thought we were lunatics. Today, we stand at the eve of a new treaty bringing monetary union into reality," he said. Sitting next to a stony faced Chancellor, he added: "The association believes that 1997 is a date to aim for to introduce the ecu as the single currency. It also appears desirable that the single currency should be introduced at the same time by a large majority of EC countries, including all the larger member states."

Signor Agnelli said a single currency would lead to a homogenous European financial market, lower currency transaction costs and, "as far as pay structures are concerned, the pressure exerted by a single currency for all European countries will tend to bring salary rises into alignment with the rate of growth of production and to the rate relevant to various sectors and regions".

He then went a step further by calling for the implementation of a common European industrial policy, one that goes far beyond current EC initiation of joint projects.

"What we need is for Europe's institutions to support monetary union with a strengthening of policies aimed at aiding industrial development," Signor Agnelli said.

"Monetary union needs to be complemented by economic union, as underlined by the Delors report. The Emu allows us to form a government for the European economy which rises above national boundaries, and we should grasp this opportunity with both hands," the Fiat president said.

His comments, which were also underlined by the other speakers, go far beyond the present discussions and follow on the heels of remarks made by Edith Cresson, who called for a more determined European industrial policy in the car and electronics sectors. The comments stood in some contrast to those of Mr Lamont, who is still pondering the principle of the single currency.

Capital sounds a quieter £5m

By PHILIP PANGALOS

FALLING advertising revenues precipitated a 31 per cent decline in first-half profits at Capital Radio, the London commercial radio group.

Pre-tax profits fell to £5.01 million (7.26 million) in the six months to end March, on turnover 13 per cent lower at £15.7 million. Capital's national advertising, which yields most of the group's revenue, fell by 8.6 per cent, but advertising revenue local to London slumped by 34.6 per cent.

Capital's cash mountain, which stands at £15 million, helped to boost interest receipts to £942,000 (£831,000). Earnings per share slip to 5p (6.9p). The interim dividend is maintained at 1.75p.

Capital says that the second half of the year has started "on a slightly stronger note" than the first, although the market remains very short term.

The two London radio stations continued to attract record audiences: 42 per cent of all Londoners tune into Capital every week while Capital Gold, targeted at the 35 to 54 age group, reached a record 23 per cent each week.

Capital Group Studios, formerly Ewart Television, traded profitably, but from the second quarter the television production industry slowed sharply before the Channel 3 franchise round. The order book is now healthier and demand is expected to recover later in the year as activity in the independent production sector picks up. The shares eased 2p to 197p.



Sotto voce: Sir Richard Attenborough, chairman, said London revenue fell 34 per cent

Britain 'cannot go it alone on VAT'

From REUTER IN BRUSSELS

CHRISTIANE Scrivener, the European commissioner for tax, has rejected the idea of an accord among 11 of the 12 Community members, minus Britain, on the indirect tax rates that will apply in the Community after 1992.

"One cannot have an agreement among 11," Mme Scrivener said days before Community finance ministers will be asked to decide the rates of value-added tax (VAT) and excise rates that will apply in the Community from January 1, 1993.

All decisions on taxes in the Community must be agreed unanimously by the 12 member states. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, has rejected the concept of the Community setting members' tax rates and said Britain would put a "reserve" on any agreement.

Jean-Claude Juncker, the Luxembourg finance minister who is chairing the tax debate next Monday, has hinted 11 member states could go ahead with an informal deal and Britain would join later.

Mme Scrivener said, however, that a compromise drafted by Luxembourg was the best hope and further delay could scuttle it. The Commission-supported compromise seeks a standard rate of VAT of at least 15 per cent in all member states from 1993 and would allow reduced rates of at least 5 per cent on restricted products.

Britain, Portugal and Ireland could apply a zero rate on some products for a transition period. Luxembourg and Spain, with the lowest VAT rates of 12 per cent, would have special concessions.

Community diplomats said that the haggling over the exact terms would continue up to next Monday's meeting. Several members criticised parts of the deal at a meeting of Community ambassadors on Wednesday, they said.

Germany, Spain and Luxembourg said they would prefer a minimum of 14 per cent rate while France called for minimum of 16 per cent. Italy objected even to the zero rate of excise tax suggested in the compromise for wine.

Mme Scrivener said: "It is not possible to pick what interests you want and leave the rest."

Energy ministers expected to seek better oil stocks

From REUTER IN PARIS

WESTERN energy ministers meeting on Monday for the first time since the Gulf war are likely to call for oil stocks to be reinforced, a top official of the International Energy Agency (IEA) said yesterday.

Oil stocks were a valuable insurance policy in the Gulf war, and as the West's dependence on imported oil grows, so must the level of its stocks, he said. The ministerial meeting takes place under the IEA's umbrella every two years, and hammers out the broad directions of energy policy that member countries will follow.

The IEA groups 21 of the 24 member nations of the Organisation for Economic Co-operations and Development (OECD), but of the three outsiders, France and Finland are in the process of becoming members and Iceland has applied to join.

As the Western energy ministers gather in Paris, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will be meeting in Vienna to set oil production quotas. "Ministers would be recommending that countries, where possible and where appropriate, make an effort to improve their stock situation," the IEA official said.

There would be no change to the requirement that IEA members hold stocks equivalent to 90 days of oil imports.

Western ministers will also examine how to cut their countries' vulnerability to disruptions in energy supply as happened during the Gulf war, the official said. They will recommend diversifying fuel sources and the geographical spread of imports.

The West has fought shy of OPEC overtures for dialogue, wary of the oil producing cartel's policy of setting prices and output levels. Since the war, America has decided to increase its strategic petroleum reserve to 1 billion tonnes from 750 million tonnes. Japan will boost reserves from 30 million tonnes to 50 million tonnes by 1995.

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Growth/Inc	197.5	209.8	+0.5	5.12
High Dist	139.8	148.5e	+0.3	7.00
High Inc	99.21	105.9e	+0.29	7.38
Int	262.9	279.3	+0.9	1.53
Int Inc	81.82	85.90	-0.13	6.18
Pacific	37.48	39.80	+0.12	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	67.97	72.09	+0.55	0.00
Tokyo	175.4	186.9	-0.2	0.00
Ex Am 2	152.4	156.5	..	1.80
Ex Jap 3	118.4	121.7e	-0.1	0.08
Ex Smlr Jap 4	570.9	586.6	..	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577991

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Orient Op Acc	82.65	85.99	-0.30	1.28
Japanese	54.17	57.53	+0.24	0.00
UK Balan Inc	93.29	99.15e	+0.20	3.52
Do Acc	103.8	110.2e	+0.2	3.52
UK Gth Accum	152.1	161.8e	+0.5	2.21
UK Hi Inc	110.0	117.0e	+0.1	5.95
UK Hi Inc Acc	118.5	125.7e	+0.1	5.95
N Amer Acc	76.91	81.82	+0.12	1.12
Euro Acc	165.7	112.4	+0.4	0.26
UK Pref/Fi Inc	54.83	58.16e	+0.07	9.93
Do Acc	75.98	80.61e	+0.10	9.93
Intl Sp S Acc	40.28	42.83	+0.11	0.87
Emerald Opp	52.67	56.03e	-0.08	1.44

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hurlingham Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Endurance	144.9	154.1	..	1.85

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431468

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Eastbo Pelican	102.2	107.6	+0.23	5.02
High Inc	105.9	111.4e	+0.26	6.35
Gth/Fxd Interest	48.93	51.51	+0.09	9.16
T Of Ent Tr	110.6	116.5	+0.19	5.38
Spec Sits	95.93	100.9	-0.06	4.39
N Am	72.65	76.47	+0.79	1.18
Far East	174.9	184.2	+1.10	1.40
Pac Gth	74.63	78.45	+0.53	2.35
Euro	57.57	60.70e	+0.28	1.65
Smlr Cos	56.58	59.50c	-0.01	4.80

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry (0203 692 Tel: 0203 632251

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	252.9	266.1e	+0.9	3.59
Dn Inc	190.1	202.3e	+0.6	3.59
Highor Inc Acc	445.9	474.4e	+1.2	5.26
Do Inc	283.5	314.1e	+0.7	5.26
Gth/Prior Acc	133.3	140.4	..	0.75
Do Inc	78.78	83.96	+0.63	8.08
N America	158.7	168.9e	+0.3	0.00
Far East	224.9	238.3e	-0.4	0.75
Europe	209.4	222.0	-0.7	0.10
Gen'l	346.8	368.1	+0.9	3.62
Gen'l Acc	359.0	382.0	+1.0	3.62
Br Excellence	82.47	86.82e	+0.22	2.52
Sr Pormis Inc	57.06	60.71	+0.17	6.20
Do Acc	98.98	71.36	+0.19	6.20
Global Ops	55.16	58.63e	-0.05	0.24

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildesborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
American	155.7	164.6	+0.7	0.00
Cash Unit	138.99	e+0.03		12.00
European	98.85	105.5	+0.53	0.00
Fidelity	125.6	135.6e	+0.1	4.86
Inc Plus	107.4	115.2e	-1.0	6.83
UK Gth	48.99	53.51	+0.17	0.00

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
Bth Floor, Exchange Hse Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel: 071-628 8000

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Euro Income	82.16	87.85	+1.01	3.19
Far East	77.8	82.7	+0.4	0.00
Overseas Income	87.9	72.57c	-0.26	3.08
UK Growth	69.36	74.18	-0.08	1.85
UK Inc Fund	104.3	111.8e	-0.1	5.20
US Smlr Cos	128.0	134.9	+0.2	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3XT Tel: 071-374 4100

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	259.2	280.3	+1.4	..
Do Acc	283.8	288.3	+1.5	..
Am Trust Inc	274.4	297.0	..	..
Do Acc	294.7	309.5	..	..
Capit Inc	234.5	249.4	-0.4	3.68
Do Acc	310.5	330.2	-0.7	3.68
Cont Smlr Cos	43.12	45.84	+0.06	1.43
Do Acc	43.15	45.10e	+0.06	1.43
Conv Inc	103.2	109.4	-0.1	7.54
Do Acc	169.6	180.4	-0.1	7.54
Euro Inc	89.89	95.70e	+0.42	0.49
Do Acc	92.17	98.35e	+0.42	0.49
Extra Inc Inc	243.9	259.4	..	6.06
Do Acc	311.3	331.1	+0.1	6.06
FinancInd Acc	62.55	66.53e	+0.11	0.76
Do Inc	60.45	64.30e	+0.10	0.76
Inc Trust	158.5	168.5e	+0.4	5.73
Do Acc	202.8	215.5e	+0.4	5.73
Int Gth	221.1	235.1e	+0.5	..
Do Acc	252.3	271.0e	+1.3	..
Jap & Gen Inc	153.7	164.5	+0.5	..
Do Acc	158.9	169.7	-0.6	..
Manged Port Inc	78.1	83.0	+0.15	2.02
Do Acc	76.82	80.89e	+0.16	2.02
Monthly Inc	121.2	128.9e	+0.2	5.82
Recov	198.4	215.7	-0.8	1.36
Do Acc	228.2	248.1	-0.9	1.36
Smlr Inc	40.11	42.66	..	4.24
Do Acc	43.47	46.23	+0.01	4.24
Gth Gth Inc	57.48	59.29	+0.04	5.11
Do Acc	57.48	59.29	+0.04	5.11
Glo Inc Inc	55.58	57.31e	+0.04	9.07
Do Acc	63.13	65.10e	+0.05	9.07

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 413411 Enquiries:0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Equity Dist	278.5	294.1e	+1.04	3.99
Acc	531.4	565.3e	+2.00	3.99
Euro Gth Dist	92.83	98.76	+0.60	0.69
Acc	93.50	99.46	+0.60	0.69
Fixed Dist	112.6	119.0e	+0.11	8.34
Acc	171.8	181.6e	+0.17	8.34
Int Gth Dist	63.10	67.13e	+0.26	0.53
Acc	64.35	68.46e	+0.27	0.53
N Am Dist	136.2	144.9	+0.70	1.39
Acc	144.0	153.2	+0.93	1.39
Pac Basin Dist	197.0	209.6	+0.08	0.28
Acc	198.8	211.5	+0.07	0.28
Shed Dist	234.4	249.3	+0.97	5.24
Acc	257.3	284.4e	+0.10	5.24
Shed Inc Dist	51.99	55.31e	+0.07	5.29
Acc	59.77	63.59e	+0.08	5.29
Man Shed Dist	98.70	103.9e	+0.24	0.42
Acc	72.08	76.68	+0.24	0.42

GT UNIT MANAGERS
25 Floor, 6, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	73.32	78.77	-0.60	0.00
UK Cap Inc	124.3	132.5	+0.3	5.13
Do Acc	128.7	142.5	+0.4	5.21
Do Spec Sits	49.51	52.56	+0.10	2.18
Inc Fund	101.4	108.5	+0.3	7.54
Intl Inc	101.8	108.9	+0.3	7.54
Intl Gth	61.98	65.79e	+0.16	0.68
Jap & Gen'l	367.4	389.9	+1.0	0.00
Far East(Gen)	197.1	209.2	-0.4	0.39
Euro	133.3	144.1	-0.4	0.19
Germany	88.39	93.71	+0.17	0.00
Intl Inc	55.80	59.25c	+0.11	5.65
Wwid Spec Sit	53.11	58.89	-0.05	0.14
Gen'l Prp Inc	44.75	48.49e	..	5.00
Do Acc	47.15	50.43e	..	5.00
Smlr Cos Dlr	40.56	43.38	+0.01	6.52

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 7354 Dealing: 0277 284421 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	33.59	36.93	+0.33	2.00
Extra Inc	49.83	52.37e	-0.06	6.01
Gth Yield Inc	107.1	113.2e	+0.4	6.27
Global Inc	169.3	171.2p	-3.1	4.87
High Yield Inc	116.5	123.9e	+0.5	5.85
PPP Inc	9.18	9.77e	+0.06	6.73
Smlr Cos Gth	40.79	43.56e	+0.01	6.45
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	69.77	73.16	+0.75	0.00
N Amer	58.36	62.14	+0.86	1.32
Euro Inc	113.0	120.2	+0.6	0.82
Euro Spec Inc	77.36	82.32	+0.14	1.29
FO Immed Trst	27.18	28.83	-0.05	2.77
Gen'l Inc	257.1	252.2	-2.0	3.77
Ind Recov	119.9	118.0e	-0.2	1.78
Jap Inc	357.9	380.7e	-1.2	0.55
Jap Spec	189.6	202.1	-1.3	0.00
Master Acc	197.5	210.1	-0.4	1.05
Pacific Inc	195.8	208.5	-2.1	0.41
Smlr Cos Inc	86.39	91.90c	-3.67	4.00
UK Ex Gth Inc	28.98	30.84	-0.30	3.83

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7676 Dealing:071-656 0828

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Intl Gth	101.2	106.3e	+0.75	0.52
Amer Growth	37.20	39.58	-0.08	0.44
Euro Growth	39.28	63.36e	+0.53	0.45
Gen Horizons	43.51	46.46e	+0.36	0.90
Jap Growth	68.54	73.41e	+0.14	..
Pacific Inc	66.74	69.14	+0.16	2.71
Pacific Strat	61.54	66.85	-1.29	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.25	75.20c	-0.11	7.05
Gt British	44.41	47.49e	+0.28	2.28
UK Smlr Co	38.09	40.73e	-0.07	3.96

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
39 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 8899

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Cash	115.9	●	..	11.42
Gt/Fxd Interest	107.3	113.8	+0.3	9.00
Gth Equity	254.8	272.0e	+0.6	3.26
Guardhill	38.1	39.8	+1.4	3.19
Gth Tst	104.5	111.6	..	5.09
Intl	128.8	135.2	+0.3	0.05
Managed	472.9	497.8	+2.3	..
N Amer	178.6	188.6e	+1.1	0.61
Pacific	298.4	318.2e	+0.9	0.25
Prop Share	228.8	244.2	-1.2	3.58
Smlr Cos	210.4	224.7e	+0.5	2.34
Euro Trust	321.3	343.2c	+0.9	0.28

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 500 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 828000

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Capital Adv Inc	28.81	30.23	+0.04	2.78
Global Adv Acc	28.71	30.44	+0.04	2.79

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admiral S, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 262030

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Accer Equity	51.71	54.95e	-0.01	8.74
Accer Gilt	46.69	49.54	-0.04	1.37
Equity Inc	97.92	104.2e	+0.07	7.76
Euro	135.5	139.2	+0.7	0.92
High Inc	71.10	75.61e	+0.1	9.38
Intl Sits	58.76	62.63	+0.25	0.00
Jap & Far East	97.83	103.6e	-0.19	0.00
N Am	76.05	80.86e	+0.57	1.41
Recapitalisation	106.5	113.2e	+0.3	0.00
Smlr Cos	28.95	30.80e	+0.30	2.66
UK New Comm	37.99	40.41	+0.32	1.98

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin S, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 262030

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
Am Smlr Cos	62.83	67.85	+0.30	0.00
Asian Enterprise	78.72	84.32	+0.26	1.50
Australian	111.6	119.3	-1.33	4.12
Convertible	93.3	101.1e	-0.12	0.64
Euro Inc	99.15	62.65	+0.23	3.56
Euro Smlr Cos	107.8	114.4	-0.17	0.94
Extra Inc	238.5	251.8e	+0.27	6.43
Fledgling Of Fds	27.3	29.27	+0.04	0.00
Fixed Interest	48.27	52.70e	+0.04	10.74
Global Inc/Gth	64.98	68.69	+0.17	4.71
Global Reinrcs	68.73	74.65	+0.57	1.81
High Inc	128.7	136.2e	+0.27	0.69
Income/Gth Inc	109.7	115.9e	+0.44	7.11
Do Acc	471.0	503.0e	+0.85	5.37
Inc Assets	148.8	156.9	+0.16	5.79
Intl	65.2	69.1	+0.29	1.07
Jap Spec Sits	184.0	195.1	+1.09	0.00
Jas	187.5	177.7	-0.32	0.00
Nth Amer	161.0	171.3	+0.02	1.05
Pac Smlr Cos	128.7	136.2	+0.79	0.69
Prof/Gilt	39.07	42.29e	+0.03	12.00
Smlr Cos Div	134.3	142.7e	-0.37	5.34
Smlr Cos Inc	209.7	218.0	+0.16	2.57
Do Acc	360.0	382.0	+0.28	2.57
Stock of British	47.91	51.16e	+0.28	3.72
Spns Of East	42.11	45.05	+0.01	0.83

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
HLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 081-688 4355

	Bid	Offer	ch'ng	Yld
British	75.00	80.21e	+0.46	3.34
Cash	130.0	130.0	+0.1	9.64
Capital	231.9	248.0e	+1.2	3.34
Euro	187.0	178.6	+1.4	0.00
Far East	154.1	164.8	-1.6	2.10
Financial	90.4	96.7	+0.7	3.94
Gilt Yield Inc	91.04	97.38e	+0.04	8.55
High Yield	91.04	97.38e	+0.04	8.55
Inc Trust	116.3	124.3e	+1.9	4.58
Intl	162.6	173.9	+0.7	1.35
Jap Tech	83.76	89.19	+0.06	0.00
Nam Reserves	43.37	51.73	+0.37	2.50
Security	244.4	261.5	+1.1	3.33
Smlr Cos	82.52	88.25	+0.69	2.58
Spec Sits	130.9	139.3	+0.1	2.78
US Smlr Cos	40.10	42.88e	-0.82	0.00

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35, Cosmo Street London EC4 1DR Tel: 071-236 4218

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5	Central TV	Leisure	
6	Speyhawk	Property	
7	Bellough	Industrials A-D	
8	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
9	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
10	Br Land	Property	
11	Rothmans 'B'	Tobaccos	
12	Swire Pacific 'A'	Industrials S-Z	
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20	BM Gp	Industrials A-D	
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22	Tate & Lyle	Foods	
23	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
24	Yorkshire Water	Water	
25	Blacks Leis	Drapery,Stores	
26	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
27	Booker	Foods	
28	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
29	LWT CP	Leisure	
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31	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
32	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
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37	Wates	Property	
38	EMC	Electricals	
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BREWERIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
584	488	Allied-Lyons	540	542	-8	25.1	4.5	14.4
384	304	Bass	380	382	-2	18.8	4.8	13.6
1218	1010	Bdddington	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Belhaven (N Pf)	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Belhaven Ordinary	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Dewhurst (JA)	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Fenton Brewing Gp	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Grand Met	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Greene King	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Robinson	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Scot & Newc	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Wadworth A	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Whitbread 'A'	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Do 'B'	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Wolverhmptn & B	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2
1218	1010	Young 'A'	1210	1220	-10	41.0	3.3	14.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
77	40	Abbey	210	220		13.4	6.1	10.7
280	178	Amec						
74	17	Anglo Soc						
288	191	Ashtead						
288	191	Associated Brick						
288	191	Bailey (Eng) Constr						
288	191	Barratt Dev						
288	191	Bellway PLC						
288	191	Bellway						
288	191	Berkeley Gp						
288	191	Bett Bros						
288	191	Blackgates						
288	191	Blue Circle						
288	191	Bovis (Hldgs)						
288	191	Bpb Ind						
288	191	Brewer Dixon						
288	191	Brickhouse Dur						
288	191	Brown (N)						
288	191	Brown & Jackson						
288	191	Bryant						
288	191	Burnett & Hallamshire						
288	191	Burton Gp						
288	191	Cairn Ind						
288	191	Caradon						
288	191	Carillion						
288	191	Carlton Comm						
288	191	Carr's Milling						
288	191	Cattle (Eng)						
288	191	Chamberlain Phipps						
288	191	Chapman (Wm)						
288	191	Chelsea Man						
288	191	Clarke (Nicholas)						
288	191	Clarke (T)						
288	191	Concrete						
288	191	Costain						
288	191	Countryside Hldgs						
288	191	Cowie						
288	191	Crest Nicholson						
288	191	Crouch						
288	191	Crowthorpe						
288	191	Cruden Gp						
288	191	Cullen Bros						
288	191	Dawson Hldgs						
288	191	Dean						
288	191	Dennis						
288	191	Dowty						
288	191	Drake & Scull						
288	191	Dunhill Hldgs						
288	191	Eaton Gp						
288	191	Edbro						
288	191	Edmundite						
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288	191	Electrocomponents						
288	191	Elec Rels Projects						
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288	191	Ennis						
288	191	Eurotherm						
288	191	Evered						
288	191	Fairclough						
288	191	Farmer Group						
288	191	Fenner						
288	191	Ferguson Ind						
288	191	Fitch						
288	191	Forbo						
288	191	Forward Tech						
288	191	Fosse (Wm)						
288	191	Gibbs						
288	191	Gleeson (M J)						
288	191	Glynwed Intl						
288	191	Grampian Hldgs						
288	191	Grassmere						
288	191	Gt Portland Est						
288	191	Gt Universal Stores						
288	191	Guinness Peat						
288	191	Hall (Robert)						
288	191	Hall (R M)						
288	191	Hall Engineering						
288	191	Hammerson						
288	191	Hanson						
288	191	Harrisons & Crosfield						
288	191	Hawtin						
288	191	Hazlewood Foods						
288	191	Heiton						
288	191	Henderson Admin						
288	191	Hepworth						
288	191	Heywood Williams						
288	191	Higgs & Hill						
288	191	Higgs & Johnson						
288	191	Hillsdown Holdings						
288	191	Hollis (Walter)						
288	191	Holt (J)						
288	191	Howard (TJ)						
288	191	Howard Tenens						
288	191	Hunting						
288	191	Hyder						
288	191	Ibstock Johnsen						
288	191	Ideal Standard						
288	191	Ifield						
288	191	Ind Precision						
288	191	Inspec						
288	191	Interbuild Stores						
288	191	Jarvis						
288	191	Jarvis Porter						
288	191	Jeyes Gp						
288	191	Johnson Group Cleaners						
288	191	Johnson Matthey						
288	191	Johnson Service Gp						
288	191	Kalon Gp						
288	191	Kelsey Ind						
288	191	Kenchington Ward						
288	191	Kier Gp						
288	191	Kwik Save Gp						
288	191	Lafarge						
288	191	Lamont (James)						
288	191	Lawrence (Peter)						
288	191	Lilley						
288	191	Linread						
288	191	Lindustries						
288	191	Lister (TH)						
288	191	Lovell (Y J)						
288	191	Low & Bonar						
288	191	Lucas Ind						
288	191	Lynton Gp						
288	191	Mackenzie						
288	191	Mallinson-Denny						
288	191	Manders						
288	191	Marley						
288	191	Marshalls						
288	191	Matthew Clark						
288	191	Maxwell						
288	191	McAlpine (Sir Robert)						
288	191	McKechnie						
288	191	Meggitt						
288	191	Melrose						
288	191	Mercury Communications						
288	191	Metal Box						
288	191	Metalrax Group						
288	191	Milbury						
288	191	Mitchell Cotts						
288	191	Mitie Group						
288	191	Molins						
288	191	Monk (A)						
288	191	Morgan Crucible						
288	191	Morgan Grampian						
288	191	Morrison (Wm)						
288	191	Mowlem (John)						
288	191	Nash Dredging						
288	191	Nestor Healthcare						
288	191	Newarthill						
288	191	Newman Tonks						
288	191	Nichols (Vinolia)						
288	191	Norcros						
288	191	Northern Electric						
288	191	Norwest Holst						
288	191	Ocean Wilsons						
288	191	Ogden						
288	191	Pace (William)						
288	191	Pauls & Whites						
288	191	Pearson						
288	191	Pentland Ind						
288	191	Perkins Foods						
288	191	Pilkington						
288	191	Pittards						
288	191	Plantation Hldgs						
288	191	Powell Duffryn						
288	191	Press Furnishing						
288	191	Press Tool Gp						
288	191	Pressac Hldgs						
288	191	Prestige						
288	191	Ranger						
288	191	Rank Org						
288	191	Ransomes						
288	191	Rentokil						
288	191	Ricardo Hlth						
288	191	Richard (Lesley)						
288	191	Richardson West						
288	191	Robertson						
288	191	Robertson (Thomas)						
288	191	Rockingg						
288	191	Rohr & Holm						
288	191	Rotork						
288	191	Rugby						
288	191	Do 'A'						
288	191	Rush & Tompkins						
288	191	Russell (A)						

ELECTRICITY

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
219	142	East Midlands	215	217	-1	20.1	5.6	11.8
1380p	1240p	Eastern Elect	1310	1313	-1	20.1	5.6	12.3
217	156	London Elect	213	214	-1	20.1	5.6	12.4
228	168	Manweb	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Midlands Elec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Northern Elec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Norweb	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Scottish Elec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Seeboard	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	SW Electric	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Southern Elec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Swalec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
228	168	Yorkshire Elec	226	228	-1	21.3	5.6	11.5
2220p	2000p	Hydro Gen Unit	2220p		+20			
148	110	National Power	139	141	+1	11.0	5.1	9.3
152	112	PowerGen	144	146	+1	11.1	5.0	10.0

FINANCE, LAND

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
336	201	Aldgate	332	337		22.6	6.7	13.5
146	98	Allied Home	141	143		9.5	6.6	15.1
146	118	Berkeley Govett	156	158				
21	5	Burns Anderson						
345	265	Chelsfield	326	328		16.7	5.1	19.5
779	579	Daejan	779x	784		50.0	6.4	13.1
283	203	Derbyway	280	283		11.3	4.0	22.8
25	16	Hanover&Thompson				22.0d		
131	91	Hel Hose Lewis	131	134				18.5
22	14	Hemingford	19	20	+2	7.7	7.5	21.2
17	14	Rutland Tst	16	17		1.1	6.1	7.5
25	17	Silvermines Plc	25	26				
21	14	Slough Est	20	21		3.3p	7.2	10.4
780	770	Stanley	770	775				
6	3	S&P Capital	4	5		4.0i	5.7	
39	28	Templeton Glens	39	39				

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
178	9x	American Express	13½					
12	5	Babcock Pusbon	5	8			3.6	85.5
282	210	Electra	280	282	+5	50.0	7.7	9.5
280	215	Henderson Admin	280	282	+5	50.0	8.5	17.1
1290	1000	Ivascon Intnl	1150	1180		74.0	6.7	8.6
710	555	M&G	710	720		33.3	4.7	12.5
69	55	M & G	69	70	+2	28.7	4.7	15.2
69	55	Smith New Court	156	160		47	3.4	3.6
69	55	Tyndall Hldgs	59	61				14.9

FOODS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
338	221	AB Food	327	332	+2	15.2	2.8	12.8
163	106	ASDA Group	116	118	+2	6.4	5.5	11.2
156	106	Albert Fisher	114	116	+2	4.8	4.2	11.8
156	106	Alpha Group	114	116				
312p	230p	Ashley Gdns	94	96	+2	11.5	3.8	15.2
159	94	Ashley Gdns	94	96	+2	2.3	2.4	11.2
159	112	Associ Fisheries	157	159		9.0	5.6	11.6
159	112	Bambi (Sidney C)	157	159		9.0	5.6	7.6
159	112	Berisford Intl	157	159		9.0	5.6	7.6
159	112	Booker	476	478	+2	28.3	5.9	13.1
159	112	Boothwick	380	382		7.8	5.5	
159	112	Bulte Rice	370	374		7.8	1.9	17.3
159	112	Bunge						
159	112	Cadbury-Schwpp	381	383		15.3	4.0	14.6
159	112	Cavis Milling	151	153		10.0	6.5	42.7
159	112	Chaucer Foods	151	153		2.7	1.8	11.3
159	112	Clifford Foods 'A'	151	153		14.7	9.6	8.5
159	112	Cultens				8.7	1.6	14.3
159	112	Dalgety Foss Intl	73	75				
159	112	Dalgety	73	75		24.0	8.1	11.1
159	112	Dalrada S	71	73		1.7	2.5	
159	112	Delfay (James)	71	73		5.5	8.5	7.3
159	112	Eyrefield						
159	112	Fitch Lovell	343	345		9.1	2.7	15.0
159	112	Hazlewood Foods	151	153	+2	7.7	5.0	11.4
159	112	Hillsdown	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Hunter Saphir	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Inchcape Foreign	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Int Dairy Group	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Kalamazoo	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Kelsey Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Kerry Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Kwik Save	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Lambert Howarth	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Lyons (J)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Mackay (Hldgs)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Marks & Spencer	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Matthews (Bernard)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Matthews Audley	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Nichols (JA) (Wales)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Nthn Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Northern Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Nurdin & Peacock	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Park Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Pauls & Whites	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Pittards	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Ranks Hovis	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Reed Int	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Robertson Foods	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Rowntree Mackintosh	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Sainsbury (J)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Scott & Newc	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Sharpe & Fisher	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Smedley (John)	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Tate & Lyle	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Tesco	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Thorntons	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Unigate	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Unilever	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Vitamins	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9
159	112	Watson & Philip	151	153	+2	10.7	4.8	9.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
38	26	City Centre Rest	38	39		1.9	3.9	12.1
16	10	Dorpen PLC	15	16				69.0
195	155	Friendly Hotels	195	200		12.5	6.5	7.8
17	7	Lindsay	17	18		1.2	6.4	9.9
74	17	Principal Hotels	74	76				
74	17	Resorts Hotel	74	76		3.5p	4.2	8.4
74	17	Resort Hotels 'A'	74	76		3.5p	4.2	8.4
74	17	Rohan	74	76		3.5p	4.2	8.4
74	17	Thistle Hotels	74	76		3.5p	4.2	8.4
74	17	Trusthse Pk	74	76		3.5p	4.2	8.4

INDUSTRIALS A-D

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
177	115	AAF Ire	162	170		10.0g	8.0	8.2
291	211	AAH	345	350	-1	19.6	5.3	11.5
291	211	AGT	74	76				
291	211	AMEC	172	175		7.5	6.5	11.4
291	211	APV	111	113	-1	7.0	6.5	9.3
291	211	Acrow	17	19		1.0	6.5	10.1
291	211	Advanst	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Aerospace Eng	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Aluminium Wheel	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Anglo Int	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Ansbacher	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Associated Engineering	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Avana	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Avon Rubber	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Avon & Somerset	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Babcock Intl	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bamford (JC)	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Barlow Int	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Barratt	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bellway	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bett Bros	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bibby (J)	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bicc	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Blackwood Hodge	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Blick	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bodycote	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bowater	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Brammer	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Brit Aerospace	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Brit Engine	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Brit Vita	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Brown (John)	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Bunzl	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Burgess Prod	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Burmah Castrol	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cable Energy	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cater Gp	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cassen Gp	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cawsey	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Clyde Pet	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cookson	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Coppermill	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Courtaulds	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Crane	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Crest Nicholson	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Cropper (James)	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dalgety Packagings	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dalgety	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Delta	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dewhurst	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dixons	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dobson Park	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Domnick Hunter	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dowty	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dunlop	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Dyson (JJ&J)	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2
291	211	Do 'A'	150	152		6.2	5.1	7.2

ELECTRICALS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
151	115	Ali Prod	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	ACT Group	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Admiral	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Allen	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Ashbourne	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Astrocast	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Avesta	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Avdel Ind	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Bowthorpe	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Brady (David) 'A'	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Brady (David)	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Brit Aerospace	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Brit Vita	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Brown (John)	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Bunzl	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Burgess Prod	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Burmah Castrol	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Cable Energy	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Cater Gp	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Cassen Gp	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Cawsey	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Clyde Pet	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Cookson	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Coppermill	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
151	115	Courtaulds	145	147		7.5	5.1	9.9
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Sixties star will always shine

Jaguar's stunning E-Type was released 30 years ago. Its design and performance still set a standard, Kevin Eason reports

At the Geneva motor show this year, executives craned their necks to find out what was causing such a distraction from the launch of their sophisticated new model, developed at a cost of tens of millions of pounds and packed with the latest electronic gadgetry.

When they saw what was attracting the attention of the crowds, they shrugged and admitted that even the best of modern cars could not compete.

The exhibit causing the fuss was an E-Type Jaguar, a car launched three decades ago yet still providing a benchmark of performance and design which modern manufacturers struggle to surpass.

The E-Type was a sensation when it was launched in Geneva in March 1961. Its long bonnet leading to a sharply tapered rear end set a new design pace. It has never been bettered, and is still copied.

The car's level of performance matches most sports cars on the road today. The 3.8-litre, S-Type engine could pump out 265 brake horsepower, enough to accelerate the car from a standing start to 60mph in 6.9 seconds, and on to a top speed of more than 150mph.

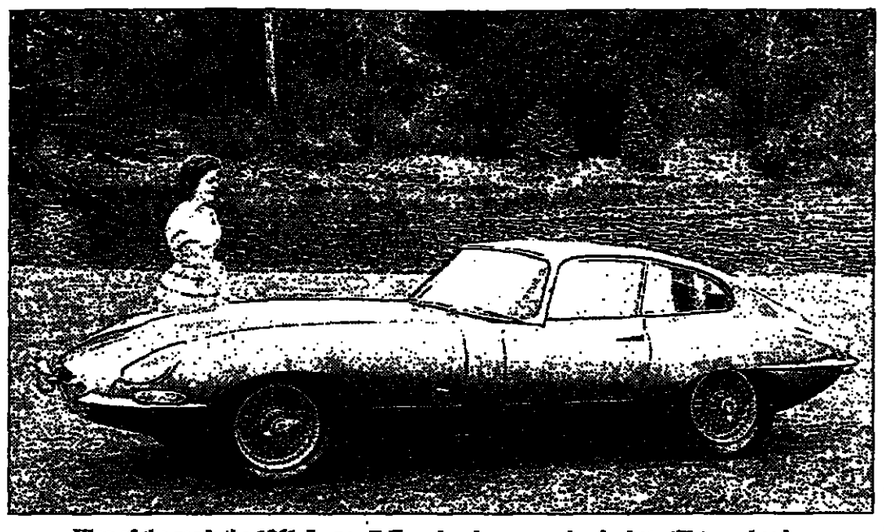
Yet when the model came into British showrooms, the two-seater convertible cost just £2,097, 15 shillings and twopence (£2,097.75) and the coupe was £2,196, 19 shillings and twopence (£2,196.95), including purchase tax. An original car in mint condition would not be worth much more today, after taking inflation into account. Sold today, a 1961 E-Type would fetch about £30,000.

Sir William Lyons, Jaguar's founder, and his team of engineers and designers in Coventry were used to success in those days; regularly producing race-winning cars and much praised road cars.

But they were caught on the hop by the reaction to the E-Type. The factory was geared to make only 100 cars on the initial production run but there were 2,000 orders from the United States alone within a week of the launch.

Enthusiasm for the model has never died and E-Types are as sought after now as they were in 1961. It is not difficult to understand why. The E-Type captured the mood of the swinging Sixties with its dashing design and performance, underlining the confidence of Britain at the time.

Price: £2,097/15s/2d including purchase tax
Engine: 3.8-litre, six-cylinder producing 265bhp at 5,500rpm through four-speed gearbox
Performance: 0 to 60mph in 6.9 seconds, top speed 151mph, fuel consumption 17.9 miles to the gallon.



King of the road: the 1961 Jaguar E-Type has become a classic that still turns heads

Jaguar had been making a line of consistent race winners, including the D-Type which was successful at the Le Mans 24-hour race during the Fifties, and Sir William wanted to translate that powerful Jaguar image for reliability and high performance to a road-going car.

Well aware that many drivers regarded thoroughbred sports cars more as bucking broncos because of their twitchy nature, Sir William set his design team a tough brief: they were to engineer a car which would top 150mph but which could still be driven in town smoothly and be driven as slowly as 10mph in top gear.

The race-bred, S-Type engine was the powerful centrepiece of the car but it was as docile as a lamb when the driver had to slip through the gears in heavy town traffic. Malcolm Sayers, then Jaguar's aerodynamicist, built a 14ft 7in monocoque chassis, just four feet high, offering superb road-holding as well as a dramatic outline.

Three different versions of the E-Type were made during the production run. A total of 72,520 were sold, 83 per cent going for export.

The last 50 cars built at the Browns Lane factory were all open-top roadsters, using Jaguar's later and more powerful 5.3-litre V12 engine, painted in black and carrying a commemorative plaque. The last car – registration number HDU 555N – is now kept in Jaguar's museum outside the Coventry factory.

The end of production in September 1974 did not, however, mark the end of a remarkable car. Mr Sayer's styling has remained timeless and is now regarded as the finest design to come from the Coventry company. That is a key reason why, 17 years after production ended, the E-Type can still command a crowd – even when surrounded by the best the world's current manufacturers can offer at a modern motor show.



Big seller: Peugeot's 205 model has captured the imagination

Peugeot's small wonder

PEUGEOT says there is one born every minute . . . that is, a buyer for its 205 model. The car was launched in February 1983, and has since achieved sales of more than four million.

The 205 is in the super league of cars which have captured the public imagination. Recently, *Car* magazine hailed the model as the Car of the Decade. The manufacturers calculate that the four million 205s have left the showroom at an average rate of one a minute since the first day of production.

Peugeot designed the 205 in the hope of redefining the quality of cars in the Escort-sized compact class and succeeded with a series that ranges from a miserly diesel to a much-praised GTi sports version.

Eight years after the launch, the 205 is still setting standards in terms of performance and is gaining in popularity, emphasising the public demand for cars of character as well as ability.

The 205 reached a sales peak of 54,147 in the United Kingdom in 1988, rising from first-year sales of just 2,883. Sales were down last year to 50,205, but Peugeot's share of this market rose to 3.08 per cent. So far this year the 205 is the best-selling diesel. The 205 has also provided the foundation for an ambitious Peugeot racing and rallying programme, which has helped etch the company image into the minds of buyers.

For the French, the car's success is more than simply a matter of pride. The 205 has scored the highest production total and the highest exports of any previous French model.

If the 205 was the car of the Eighties, will it continue to be a serious contender in the Nineties? Peugeot says it will retain the car's essential good looks without too many changes.

But the competition grows over the next few months with the launch of new versions of Volkswagen's Golf and Vauxhall's Astra. It will be harder then for the 205 to set the standards for a segment of the market that accounts for 30 per cent of British sales.

ROADWISE

Volkswagen with vroom

VOLKSWAGEN is bringing its supercharged 122mph Polo G40 to Britain. The car is equipped with a 1.3-litre engine but the supercharger means it offers the same 113bhp as an equivalent 1.8-litre engine. The result is performance, giving a 0 to 60 seconds acceleration time of 8.1 seconds.

Summer sadness

THE weather may be warmer, but that is no excuse for leaving your vehicle vulnerable to theft. The Prudential insurance company warns that drivers, lulled by sunshine, often forget to wind up windows fully and close sunroofs when they park their cars. They warn that a quarter of drivers leave their cars unlocked anyway and those numbers grow in summer.

Caravan casualties

THIS is also the time of year when caravan enthusiasts take to the roads in droves. But the National Tyre Distributors' Association says that too often, caravanners do not check their 'vans as carefully as their cars. The NTDA warns that because of infrequent use, tyres are not checked or are mismatched with the wheels. The organisation warns: never mix tubeless tyres with wheels designed for tubed tyres.

Stirling try

THIRD time could be lucky for Stirling Moss when he takes on the biggest field yet to compete in the Pirelli Classic Marathon. Competitors from 16 countries will take part in the event, which starts at Tower Bridge on June 23, with many famous names from motor-sport trying their hand at racing classic cars. Moss, after two third places in successive years at the wheel of MGBs, is trying again, but this time with his own Austin Healey 3000. Roger Clark, a former champion rally driver, is taking part in a Mini Cooper S.

Renault sales along

RENAULT'S new Clio, voted the European Car of the Year, has got off to a flying start in Britain with sales of more than 2,000 during April.

Cool to be clean

PHIL Cool, the comic with a talent for imitating cars as well as people, has just bought a Volkswagen Golf equipped with an Umwelt diesel engine. VW claims the Umwelt diesel has carbon monoxide emissions barely measurable at 0.08 grams a mile – 40 times better than the strictest exhaust laws, which are in the United States. Mr Cool wants to know: "Does this make me the cleanest comic in Britain?"

Junk yields jewel

JULIAN Cowley could barely believe his eyes as he cleared junk from an old garage. There was a car with only 12 miles on the clock hidden under piles of boxes. The car was a Reliant Robin, in pristine condition It had been bought by a pensioner who never used it. Mr Cowley, a 20-year-old welder in Lincoln, was given permission to keep it and was pleasantly surprised by what he found after removing the dust. Because it has a glass-fibre body, there was no rust. A new battery and a soak in oil had the engine spinning sweetly. The car is for sale at £2,500.

Aussies hail a cab

THE black cab, that universal symbol of British roads, is set to become popular Down Under. An Australian company has placed an



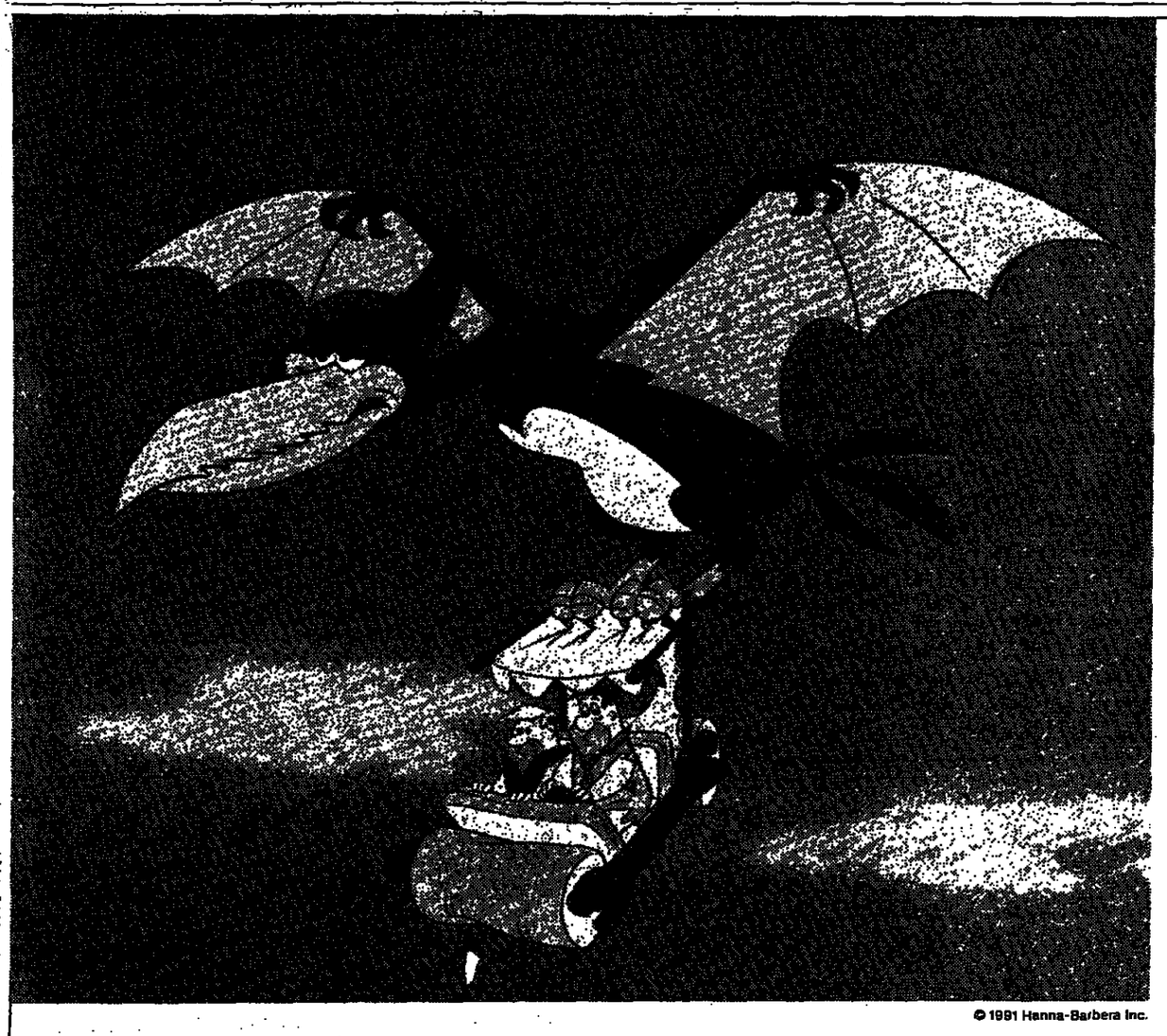
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Agent tells firms to fight rent reviews

BUSINESSES may pay more rent than necessary because they do not check their leases and the law, according to a firm of estate agents (Rodney Hobson writes).

Baker Lorenz in London has just sliced two-thirds off the rent paid by a client in Chiswick, west London, saving £450,000 a year.

Barley Mow Workspace, the client, discovered its landlord wanted a fourfold rent increase in the December 1989 rent review under the terms of a lease signed in 1974. The lease restricted the use of the premises to light industrial use but, under the 1988 Town & Country Planning Act, they can now be used as offices.

The landlord proposed a rent of £650,000 for 40,905 sq ft, equivalent to £15.89 per sq ft. Baker Lorenz, however, argued that there was no mention of office use in the lease and the landlords were, therefore, not justified in comparing rents with neighbouring office buildings. An independent surveyor agreed and the rent is now fixed at £191,500, or £4.68 a sq ft.

Leslie Aarons, a partner at Baker Lorenz, said: "Many tenants who hold leases which restrict the use of the premises to light industrial should not be misled by their landlords, even if they enjoy full office use in the building, into thinking that they should pay an office rent on review. Too many tenants, and often even their surveyors, tend to negotiate rent reviews arguing from the hip without looking at the legalities."

BT returns VAT excess

SMALL businesses are being urged by British Telecom to claim back excess value-added tax on telephone bills.

Bills issued after April 1 show VAT calculated at the new rate of 17½ per cent, even though the correct rate for calls made before April was 15 per cent.

BT said it had talks with Customs and Excise and is now able to refund the additional 2½ per cent for calls made between January and March.

Bills being sent to business line subscribers up to mid-August will include details of the refund and an application form for companies that are VAT exempt, partially exempt or not registered for VAT.

VAT-registered businesses can claim the excess direct from Customs and Excise.

The new VAT rate was announced in the Budget on March 19. BT says it did not have sufficient time to reorganise its computers, responsible for sending out 26 million bills each quarter, to take account of the two different rates.

When 'murder' boosts morale

By RODNEY HOBSON

MURDERING the managing director in the staff canteen is just one of the ideas devised by Jollys to boost staff morale.

Jollys arranges a variety of activities from a night at the theatre to rally driving. Most clients are companies wanting to entertain customers or provide staff with a treat.

The company was founded four years ago by Joanne Knowles with the modest aim of providing activity weekends for individuals. Unfortunately, that did not provide sufficient volume of business.

Mrs Knowles said: "People would say at parties 'Oh, I would like to do that' but when I said I could arrange it for them they backed down."

Fortunately, before the recession, companies were interested in new ideas and operators of venues were keen to move into the corporate sphere.

Mrs Knowles said: "An activity can be quite expensive for an individual. If the company organises an event people don't have to find the money. We tend to offer activities that participants can't do by themselves and they have security in doing things with a group of people they know."

The staff of three at Jollys, in north London, act as agents for operators of the activities.

Clients vary in size considerably. Murder evenings are popular, especially in winter when outdoor activities are less appealing. A plot can be tailor-made to suit a client and members of the client company take part in acting out the "murder".

TIM BISHOP



On the right track: Joanne Knowles prepares to test go-karts before booking the circuit

The venue can be a stately home or hotel or it can be the client's own restaurant. To hire Brocket Hall in Hertfordshire would cost £300 a head but a less extravagant affair for 100 people in a local chain restaurant could cost as little as £15 a head. A race across the Solent in two 45ft yachts used on the television programme *Howard's Way* costs £95 or more a head for 24 people, while motor sports, from go-karts to tanks, range from £40 to £400. War games have caught on and can be comparatively cheap. Many clients come back for more. Others approach Jollys with no real idea of what they want to do or how much to spend.

Mrs Knowles said: "Part of our job is to talk through the options and steer clients to the best choice. We spend a lot of time checking out venues and operators."

BRIEFINGS

A BUSINESS Watch scheme, run on the lines of the Neighbourhood Watch, was introduced this week on the Perth Trading Estate at Slough, Berkshire. The scheme is run by Thames Valley Police and Thames-Chiltern Chamber of Commerce. It aims to share resources such as surveillance cameras.

☐ *Do Your Own Advertising*, a guide to planning, writing and designing advertisements for small businesses, is published by Business Books on June 13. Paperback copies cost £7.99p.

☐ *A 32-page guide to grants and loans* from European Community institutions is available from branches of National Westminster Bank.

☐ Wiltshire Sound, a BBC local radio station, has set up a free helpline for small businesses, offering information on air and counselling off air. The service is run jointly with the Wiltshire Training and Enterprise Council and British Telecom.

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European Law Report — Luxembourg

Auctioneer registration can impede free flow of goods

SCP Boscher, Studer and Fromentin v SA British Motors Wright and Others
Case C-239/90

Before J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, President of the Fifth Chamber and Judges G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, Sir Gordon Slynn, F. Grévisse and M. Zuleeg

Advocate General G. Tesauro (Opinion March 5, 1991)

[Judgment April 30]

National legislation which required that a vendor of goods at a public auction be previously entered in the commercial register for the area in which the auction was to take place was likely to impede the free movement of goods.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Fifth Chamber) so held in answering questions put to it by the Commercial, Financial and Economic Chamber of the Cour de Cassation for a preliminary ruling.

The appellants were a firm of auctioneers operating in Paris who had been engaged by Nado, a German company established in Hamburg, to sell by public auction on November 6, 1988 a number of second-hand vehicles some of which were collectors' items and others recent vehicles of high value and low mileage.

British Motors Wright SA and three other companies brought proceedings before the Juge des Référés du Tribunal de Grande Instance [Interlocutory Judge of the Regional Court] for an order prohibiting that sale on the basis of article 1 of the French law of June 25, 1841 governing sales by public auction.

Paragraph 3 of that article prohibited the sale in that manner of goods or any second-hand items whose owners were traders who had not been entered in the commercial register within the geographical jurisdiction of the Tribunal de Grande Instance where the sales were to be carried out for at least two years.

On the basis of that provision the Juge des Référés made an order on November 4, 1988 by which he prohibited the auctioneers from carrying out the sale.

Boscher, Studer and Fromentin lodged an appeal against that order which was however confirmed the following morning by a judgment of the Cour d'Appel, Paris.

On appeal for cassation the Cour de Cassation stayed the proceedings and referred certain questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the Court of Justice (Fifth Chamber) ruled as follows:

Freedom to provide services

By its first question the national court sought to establish whether the legislation of a member state laying down conditions governing the sale by a trader established in another member state of goods belonging to him fell within the scope of article 59 of the Treaty.

Such legislation, which concerned the conditions laid down for distribution of goods traded between member states, was subject to the Treaty provisions relating to the free movement of goods and did not therefore fall within the scope of article 59.

Free movement of goods

The Cour de Cassation sought to establish whether national legislation which made sale by public auction of second-hand goods from another member state subject to prior entry of the undertaking which owned the goods put up for sale in the commercial register of the place of sale was compatible with articles 30 and 36 of the Treaty or not.

According to well established case law the possibility could not be ruled out that to compel a trader either to adopt advertising or sales promotion schemes which differed from one member state to another or to discontinue a scheme which he considered to be particularly effective might constitute an obstacle to imports even if the legislation in question applied to domestic and imported products without distinction.

In Case 382/87, *Buet and Another v Ministère Public* (*The Times* May 18, 1989; [1989] ECR 1235) the Court had emphasised that that finding applied *a fortiori* when the rules in question deprived the trader concerned of the possibility of using not a means of advertising but a method of marketing.

National legislation which required prior entry of the vendor in the commercial register of the place of the auction sale was of such a nature as to restrict the free movement of goods, because it amounted to requiring the owner of goods either to have recourse to a trader operating in the area of the sale, or to discontinue using public auctions as a sales method.

Since this was a regulation indistinctly applicable to the sale of national and imported products, it was necessary to establish whether it might be justified by mandatory requirements relating to the protection of consumers.

As the Court had held on several occasions regulations seeking to satisfy a mandatory requirement had to be proportional to the goals pursued, and if a member state had at its disposal less restrictive means of obtaining the same goals, it was under an obligation to make use of them.

The procedure of sale by public auction as described in the case file usually involved particularly well informed purchasers and, on the other hand, it was accompanied by sufficient guarantees for the consumer.

In any event it was possible to impose conditions such as to protect consumers and which involved less restrictive effects for the free movement of goods than the requirement of prior entry of the undertakings which owned the goods put up for sale in the commercial register of the place of sale.

It followed that legislation such as that referred to by the national court could not be justified by mandatory requirements relating to the protection of consumers and that, consequently, it was incompatible with article 30 of the Treaty.

Nor could such legislation be justified by reasons of public policy pursuant to article 36 of the Treaty. The objective referred to in that regard, namely that of avoiding the sale of stolen cars, might be achieved by appropriate checks, such as verification of chassis numbers.

On those grounds the European Court (Fifth Chamber) ruled:

1 Legislation of a member state laying down conditions governing the sale by a trader established in another member state, of goods belonging to him did not fall within the scope of article 59 of the EEC Treaty.

2 National legislation which made the sale at public auction of second-hand goods from another member state subject to prior entry of the undertaking which owned the goods put up for sale in the commercial register of the place of sale was incompatible with article 30 and 36 of the EEC Treaty.

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EQUESTRIANISM

John Whitaker denies brother in opening class

By JENNY MACARTHUR

JOHN Whitaker and Henderson Grannnsch, who have already had three impressive national wins this month, continued their triumphant season when they won the Emirates Airline Stakes, the opening international class, at the Dubai Nations Cup meeting at Hickstead yesterday.

Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, on Tees Hanauer, the winner of the Henderson grand prix at the Royal Bath and West Show on Wednesday, was three seconds faster than his brother but, unluckily, hit the last fence.

"I didn't realise I had so much time," Michael, who finished tenth, said. "I could have set him up properly for the fence."

The competition, a qualifier for today's Emirates Airline grand prix, was contested by 54 horses, 20 of which went clear over the inviting 12-fence course. Several leading partnerships, including David Broome on Countryman, failed to reach the jump-off but, with only four faults, qualified for the grand prix.

Whitaker is already qualified with his double World Cup winner, Henderson Milton, who was resting yesterday. Grannusch, who had two wins at Royal Windsor earlier this month, has become an enviable second string for Whitaker. Yesterday, the German-bred gelding went comfortably into the lead after a fluent, accurate round over the shortened jump-off course.

James Fisher and Activate, who have just returned from Eindhoven in The Netherlands, where they won a speed class on the opening day, were the closest of those with clear rounds to Whitaker's time, finishing runner-up on the consistent nine-year-old gelding some four seconds slower.

Kevin Bacon, of Australia, at the age of 59 the oldest and one of the most popular riders at Hickstead, was third on Santex, a 16-year-old Irish-bred gelding.

"He's been going so well recently," Bacon said yesterday. "I thought I would give him one more Hickstead." He bought Santex as a six-year-old from a Swiss dealer who said the horse was French-bred. The next month, Bacon took him to the Dublin Horse Show where a friend recognised the horse as the Irish-bred "Morris".

Peter Charles produced one of the most impressive performances yesterday on Michael Bullman's 12-year-old Kruger, a horse he was competing on for the first time. The pair finished fourth after two confident rounds and will compete again in the grand prix. "We've just lent him the horse for Hickstead," Bullman said afterwards, "but if the partnership works I'll consider selling him."

Nick Skelton's Apollo, who today attempts a second successive win in the grand prix, had four-and-three-quarter faults in the opening round yesterday. Skelton's chief threat today — apart from Whitaker and Milton — is likely to come from the French world champion, Eric Navet, who completed a clear round on Quito de Baussy, but then withdrew from the jump-off in order to keep the horse fresh.

RESULT: 1, Henderson Grahnusch (J Whitaker), 0 in 61.16; 2, Activate (J Fisher), 0-65.54; 3, Santex (K Bacon, Aus), 0-69.22; 4, Kruger (P Charles), 0-69.68.

In a winning rhythm

THE large hack class provided both champion and reserve at the Royal Bath and West Show yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). The winner was Mr and Mrs D Curtis's seven-year-old, Winning Rhythm, and Lady Annabel Goldsmith's Agar Heir Apparent was reserve.

The riding pony breeding classes champion was Mrs J Hillman's three-year-old filly, Chancley Vesper, while both Marie Edgar and Paul Sutton had two horses in the seven-horse final for the Babycham Gold Cup. Edgar, fourth to jump on Rapier, went clear in 39.52sec and later beat this time herself with Everest Sure Thing in 38.98sec.

RESULTS: Babycham Gold Cup: 1, Everest DG's Everest Sure Thing, M Edgar; 2, Countess of Inchape's Everest Rapier, M Edgar; 3, Wessex Conservatories' Wessex Samboy, P Sutton. Champion hack: Mr and Mrs D Curtis' Winning Rhythm. Reserve: Lady Annabel Goldsmith's Agar Heir Apparent. Riding pony breeding champion: Mrs J Hillman's Chancley Vesper. Reserve: Mrs M Davey's Ninfield Millionaire. Champion show hunter pony: Mrs P M Ryder's and Mr J Phillips's Chiddock Strongbow. Reserve: Mrs P Haigh Maynard's Powy Valley Jester. Champion pelo: Mr and Mrs W G T Collings' Mounterdgecombe Fiesta. Reserve: M Richards's Hazel.

RACING

Cruachan to miss Derby after setback in training

By MICHAEL SEELY, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CRUACHAN, an impressive winner at the York spring meeting and subsequently heavily backed for the Derby, is injured and will miss Epsom.

No details of the injury were released by trainer Guy Harwood yesterday. "Cruachan has met with a setback in training," Harwood said. "He will be out of action for about 12 weeks. It's sad, but these things sometimes happen to horses. If we get him back in the autumn, I see him as a Champion Stakes type rather than one for the Breeders' Cup."

Harwood added that Commendable and Main From Eldorado, the stable's winner of Goodwood's Predominate Stakes, would also be Epsom absentees. "Both horses are fine but neither is ready for a race like the Derby at this stage," Harwood said. "The King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot and the Irish Derby are possible targets for both."

No decision has yet been reached about Marju, but John Dunlop's disappointing 2,000 Guineas favourite will be amongst the acceptors at today's five-day declaration stage.

Giving the latest update, Angus Gold, Sheikh Hamdan al-Maktoum's racing manager, said: "The horse is sound after yesterday's gallop at Newbury. He's been seen by the vets again and they are happy with his progress so the horse will stay in at tomorrow's stage. Basically Sheikh Hamdan wants to see how the horse gets on in the next few days. We will probably reach a decision over the weekend."

Confirming that Environment Friend would also be an acceptor, James Fanshawe said: "The horse ate up last night and is in good shape. We are happy with him despite his disappointing work and are hoping for the best."

The question of what Lester Piggott will ride is increasingly a question of whether he will ride at all. Paul Kelleway closed another door yesterday with the announcement that Bruce Raymond would ride his outsider Hundra.

Mystiko and Corrupt continue to attract support and Ladbrokes yesterday cut them to 3-1 (from 7-2) and 9-2 (from 5-1) respectively. Ladbrokes also reported interest in Hector Proctor, who was trimmed to 9-1 (from 11-1).

Toulon, attempting to become the first French-trained winner since Empery in 1976, again eased in the market. Commenting on Pat Eddery's mount, Andre Fabre said yesterday: "Toulon is very well and should run a sound race. But I'm very relaxed and don't feel any pressure, because, as I've said before, I don't consider Toulon to be a top-class Derby horse."

The champion French trainer went on: "I've always thought Toulon was a decent horse, but the difference between being that and one of the favourites for the Derby is considerable."

HAMILTON PARK

MANDARIN
2.15 Pasadena Pet. 2.45 Ribbonaire. 3.15 Darussalam. 3.45 Aragon Ayr. 4.15 Persian Dynasty. 4.45 Mother Hen.

THUNDERER
2.15 Pasadena Pet. 2.45 Love Jazz. 3.15 Darussalam. 3.45 Srivijaya. 4.15 Dumbreck. 4.45 Hydeonins.

GOING: FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
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2.15 QUARTER MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,347: 5f) (5 runners)

1	22	PASADENA PET 97 J Fanshawe 9-0	G Duffield	4
2	004	PRINCE BELFORT 14 M Naughton 9-0	A Munro	2
3	3-2	REVEL 13 L Lungo 8-9	Dean McKeown	3
4	0-45	PRIMA CAVALLA 14 C Tinkler 8-9	M Birch	1
5		SHARP TOP Mrs G Reveley 8-9	A Mackay	5

10-11 Pasadena Pet, 3-1 Revel, 5-1 Prince Belfort, 8-1 others.

2.45 EBF BRANDON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,586: 6f) (4)

1	0	LOVE JAZZ 35 T Barron 9-0	Alex Greaves (3)	3
2	4	RIBBONAIRE 18 M Tompkins 9-0	N Day	1
3	52	TOSHIBA COMET 7 (C,S) STAR 13 W Pearce 9-0	D Nicholls	2
4	30	SPORT OF FOOLS 21 J S Wilson 8-9	A Mackay	4

Evens Toshiba Comet Star, 7-4 Ribbonaire, 7-1 others.

3.15 CHARLES HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,523: 6f) (10)

1	1455	TOSHIBA COMET (B,CD) W Pearce 4-10-0	D Nicholls	2
2	0-26	QUATRE FEMME 8 (D,F) M Johnston 4-9-9	R P Elliott	3
3	-423	SAMSOLOM 6 (BF,F) J Glover 3-8-3	Dean McKeown	9
4	5030	DIET 17 (V,CD,F,S) J S Wilson 5-9-1	A Munro	7
5	32-0	MALUNAR 20 (V,D,S) M Tompkins 5-8-13	N Day	5
6	5606	NORTH OF WATEOFD 18 (CD,F,G,S) K McCauley 6-8-3	L Charnock	8
7	506-	MORGINDA 282 P Monteith 5-8-0	A Mackay	10
8	5283	SPANISH HARLEM 4 (CD,F) Mrs J Ramsden 5-7-13	R Price (5)	1
9	-002	RUCAIA 11 (V,D,F,G) Don Enrico Incisa 5-7-7	Kim Tinkler	4
10	0012	DARUSSALAM 3 (B,CD,F) T Craig 4-7-7 (6ex)		6

3-1 Maluner, 4-1 North Of Watford, 4-1 Samsolom, 6-1 Darussalam.

3.45 DALPATRICK CLAIMING STAKES (£2,564: 1m 1f) (9)

1	104-	SRIVIJAYA 212 (G) N Tinkler 4-8-8	Kim Tinkler 1
2	4/15	REINE DE THEBES 29 (F) M Tompkins 4-8-13	N Day 5
3	5	ARABON AYR 6 J Eustace 3-8-12	M Tebbutt 3
4	-601	SOOTY TERN 13 (CD,F) J Bradley 4-8-12	A Munro 2
5	50-0	TROJAN STEEL 18 J P Liddle 4-8-12	G Duffield 9
6	000-	LORD ADVOCATE 267 M Naughton 3-8-6	Dean McKeown 8
7	0-05	TOO MUCH CHAMPAGNE 18 (G) J S Wilson 3-7-13	A Mackay 7
8	0-	NORWICK STAR 289 W Pearce 3-7-11	L Charnock 4
9	-005	NELSON'S LASS 21 Mrs S Austin 3-7-7	Jaid Houston 6

3-1 Srivijaya, 4-1 Sooty Tern, 5-1 Too Much Champagne, 6-1 others.

4.15 BIRKENSHAW HANDICAP (£2,521: 1m 40yd) (7)

1	-051	DUMBRECK 11 (CD,F,S) J S Wilson 4-10-2 (5ex)		7
2	0-00	YOUNG COMMANDER 18 (V,CD,F,G) M Naughton 7-9-6	Jaid Houston	3
3	000-	MAC KELTY 144 J (C,S) T Barron 4-8-12	Alex Greaves (3)	5
4	-005	SHAWINIGA 13 (CD,F,G,S) J S Wilson 5-8-9	A Munro	4
5	-364	PERSIAN DYNASTY 4 (D,F,G) J Bradley 7-8-8	M Birch	1
6	0060	QUESTION OF DEGREE 17 (D,F) N Tinkler 5-8-8	A Mackay	2
7	00-0	VICTORY TORCH 58 (CD,S) K McCauley 5-7-12	Kim Tinkler	1

5-2 Dumbreck, 7-2 Mac Kelty, 9-2 Persian Dynasty, 6-1 Shawiniga.

4.45 LIMEKILNBURGN HANDICAP (£2,521: 1m 5f) (8)

1	6005	AL FROLIC 13 P Monteith 4-9-12	S D Williams (7) 7
2	3068	DALE PARK 28 (C,S) N Tinkler 5-9-0	Kim Tinkler 8
3	0-00	HYDEONIUS 27 (C,F,G,S) C Tinkler 6-8-8	M Birch 4
4	-005	ALPHA HELIX 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) J S Wilson 3-8-5	G Duffield 6
5	00-5	MOTHER HEN 19 (F) K McCauley 6-8-6	M Tebbutt 3
6	-608	MOUKTARPOUR 11 C Wall 3-8-2	N Day 2
7	004-	HIGHLAND PARK 333 (F) Mrs G Reveley 5-7-13	A Munro 5
8	1062	MERCHANT OF VENICE 13 W Pearce 3-7-12	L Charnock 1

9-4 Dale Park, 7-2 Alpha Helix, 9-2 Merchant Of Venice, 6-1 others.

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Circuit Ring set to stamp authority in stayers' test

WITH the benefit of an outing, Circuit Ring is napped to take his revenge on *Rajanpour* in the India 1/2 Anna Scarlet Scinde Dawk Handicap at Newcastle today.

Last time out at Goodwood, when making his seasonal debut, Circuit Ring was far from disgraced when beaten a length and neck by the race-fit Rajanpour. Today, my selection will be fitter for that outing and is also 3lb better in at the weights.

Last season, Circuit Ring showed that he can carry big weights and his stamina will not give cause for concern as he was twice successful over two miles. The leniently-weighted recent winner Legal Win appears to be the main danger.

Tell No Lies ran better than her final placing suggests when eleventh of 15 to Fairway Royale in the the competitive Rosebery Handicap at Kempton. Turning for home, the High Line filly was well placed in second until lack of con-

MANDARIN

dition told in the final furlong. I expect her to open her account at the expense of the Edinburgh winner, Carefree Times.

The patience of keeping Snaadee, an unraced four-year-old, in training can be rewarded in the USA Boscawen Paid 5 Cents Maiden Stakes. The Danzig colt, who is a brother to the useful Russian Bond, has been working with plenty of zest.

At Nottingham, Masai Mara meets Wednesdays Auction on considerably better better terms in the Langwith Apprentice Claiming Stakes. Last time out, Masai Mara failed by a neck to repel the challenge of Wednesdays Auction, who was recieving 26lb at Wolverhampton. Today, the Luca Cumani-trained Masai Mara has to concede only 2lb to his previous conqueror.

The booking of Lester Piggott for Strange Knight in the Bagthorpe Selling Stakes looks significant. The Patrick Haslam-trained colt drops to plating class for the first time after showing ability in better company.

Saybright best at Stratford

SAYBRIGHT can be the beneficiary of Tim Mitchell's likely overweight on Chilhampton in the John Corbett Cup at Stratford this evening (Brian Beel writes).

Saybright probably found the two and a half mile trip at Cheltenham last time too short but he rallied gamely to win in the final strides. This trip will suit him better and, with only four runs this term, comes here fresh.

Mitchell carried 4lb overweight when Chilhampton won here three weeks ago but that was a weaker race and the extra weight may be a luxury in this stiffer company.

At Goodwood, Duckey Fuzz will be another to appreciate the drop in class when he lines up for the Weald Downland Museum Claiming Stakes. The Ardross colt showed plenty of ability when fourth in a decent maiden behind Poterium at Lingfield.

Poterium can earlier in the evening highlight the selection's credibility by winning the Horse Racing Abroad Handicap.

The quick reappearance of Darussalam in the Charles Heidsieck Champagne Handicap at Hamilton can be rewarded. At Redcar on Wednesday the filly was unlucky not to have beaten Profit A Prendre after finishing full of running.

At Stratford, Chilhampton should just have the edge over Saybright in the competitive John Corbett Hunters' Chase. Earlier in the month, on this course, Chilhampton put up an impressive display when beating Life Peerage by six lengths.

Doughty helped by generous gesture

PETER Scudamore, the champion jockey, has given up two attractive rides at Stratford this evening to try and help Neale Doughty ride 100 winners in a season for the first time.

Scudamore stands down on the Martin Pipe-trained runners Tactouka in the Dealers Selling Handicap Hurdle and Mighty Prince in the Justitia Cas Handicap Chase.

Doughty, who needs four winners to become the twelfth National Hunt jockey to break the century barrier, also rides Pinemartin for Gordon Richards in the Hunt Supporters Novices' Chase.

The season ends with two meetings on Saturday.

☐ Ascot racecourse still has grandstand tickets available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (June 18, 19 and 21) of the royal meeting. The cost is £18 for Tuesday and Friday, £20 for Wednesday. Thursday is sold out.

☐ Green Dollar, trained by Eric Wheeler, has the Wokingham Handicap at Royal Ascot as his objective after winning the Flanagan and Allen Handicap at Brighton yesterday.

GOODWOOD

MANDARIN

6.30 Big Beat. 7.00 Rokeby. 7.25 Poterium. 7.55 Duckey Fuzz. 8.25 Possessive Lady. 8.55 Farfelu.

THUNDERER

6.30 Big Beat. 7.00 Autocracy. 7.25 Poterium. 7.55 Bu-Sofyan. 8.25 Scales Of Justice. 8.55 Farfelu.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 7.25 Poterium.

GOING: STRAIGHT COURSE, GOOD; ROUND, GOOD TO FIRM

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 ENTERPRISE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,076: 1m 4f) (16 runners)

1		06	BIG BEAT 29 D Elsworth 9-5	J Williams	5
2	0-40		FIGHT TO WIN 29 I Balding 9-5	R Cochrane	2
3	05-8		PRIMITIVE SINGER 29 Lord Huntingdon 9-5	W R Swinburn	16
4	0212		BID FOR ELEGANCE 8 (G) R Hannon 8-13	W Carson	12
5	0-55		GREEN'S VAN GOYEN 9 R Akehurst 8-11	Pat Eddery	15
6	4004		CAVIAR QUEEN 11 C Cyzer 8-9	T McLaughlin (7)	11
7	24		ZEALOUS KITTEN 9 A Scott 8-9	B Raymond	14
8	0-00		NICE PICTURE 125 R Champion 8-8	A McGlone	9
9	0-65		BRUNSWICK BLUE 29 J Sutcliffe 8-7	M Roberts	10
10	0		LIMBALI 45 K Ivory 8-7	A Clark	6
11	-400		SATIN LOVER 25 A Davison 8-7	S Whitworth	4
12	0		METAL OISEAU 8 K Ivory 8-5	T Williams	1
13	0-00		PLAYSAYYAF 25 G Gubby 8-5	D Holland (5)	7
14	000		ICE ICE BABY 9 T Naughton 8-4	B Rouse	3
15	5-60		PARISIAN EXPRESS 31 K Cunningham-Brown 8-3	J Quinn	13
16	-000		CRONK'S DOMINION 11 (B) G Lewis 8-1	Dale Gibson	8

5-2 Bid For Elegance, 7-2 Zealous Kitten, 5-1 Big Beat, Primitive Singer, 7-1 Fight To Win, 10-1 others.

7.00 SOUTH COAST MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,027: 6f) (15)

1		0	ASHISHER 14 C Benstead 9-0	W Carson	11
2		6	AUTOCRACY 15 R Hannon 9-0	B Raymond	13
3		6	BAY BOB 22 S Dow 9-0	M Jarvey (7)	12
4			COPY LANE M Channon 9-0	M Wigham	6
5			FREDDIE LLOYD A Lee 9-0	J Quinn	4
6			GOLD WING D Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	14
7		03	PRIME BID 14 R Hannon 9-0	M Roberts	8
8			PURCHASE ORDER J Gosden 9-0	Pat Eddery	3
9		5	ROKEBY 13 I Balding 9-0	R Cochrane	15
10			TATE EXPRESS N Graham 9-0	A McGlone	2
11			WALKING ON WATER R Johnson Houghton 9-0	J Reid	10
12		0	EXCELLED 67 B Gubby 8-9	D Holland (5)	7
13		0	KALAMOSS 18 N Mitchell 8-9	T Sprake (5)	1
14		6	MISS DOODY 14 M Channon 8-9	W Newnes	9
15			PROMPTING Lord Huntingdon 8-9	W R Swinburn	5

2-1 Purchase Order, 5-2 Autocracy, 4-1 Rokeby, 5-1 Prime Bid, 8-1 Ashisher, 10-1 Gold Wing, 14-1 others

7.25 HORSE RACING ABROAD HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,523: 1m) (10)

1	41-1		STATAJACK 121 D Elsworth 9-7	J Williams	3
2	4-31		POTERIUM 13 (G) J Gosden 9-5	Pat Eddery	10
3	28-0		CARN MAIRE 25 (F) R Smyth 9-4	A Martinez (7)	7
4	40-0		DESERT VICTRESS 25 C Wall 8-12	W R Swinburn	9
5	2601		DREAM CARRIER 4 (G) R Hannon 8-10 (7ex)	W Carson	8
6	000-		SILLY LOMOND 238 C Cyzer 8-9	T McLaughlin (7)	2
7	00-0		FRIDAYATPISSARRO'S 46 M Channon 8-7	J Quinn	1
8	-01		RACE TO TIME 60 (G) R Akehurst 8-7	J Fortune	6
9	-300		TANRIRION BAY 23 P Mitchell 8-1	M Roberts	4
10	5-00		SIR TASKER 20 M Bell 7-12	N Adams	5

7-4 Potenum, 5-2 Dream Carrier, 9-2 Statajack, 6-1 Race To Time, 8-1 Desert Victress, 12-1 Carn Maire, 16-1 others

7.55 WEALD AND DOWNLAND MUSEUM CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,321: 7f) (20)

1	1422		JUST A STEP 18 (D,F,G) M McCormack 5-9-4	J Reid	3
2	040-		TRUE OPTIMIST 154 Lord Huntingdon 4-9-2	W R Swinburn	9
3	000-		BU-SOFYAN 265 (D,F,G) M Madgwick 7-8-11	B Rouse	1
4			SONIC MUSIC T McGovern 4-8-11	M Adams	2
5	0000		FIRST FLUSH 6 (B, G) Y. Ivory 5-8-9	R Cochrane	12
6	-000		NEVADA MIX 6 (D,F,G) N Gaselee 7-8-9	Dale Gibson	6
7	0-00		STERLING BUCK 39 M Usher 4-8-9	M Wigham	17
8	4-00		FACE NORTH 29 (F) A Davison 3-8-5	S Whitworth	15
9	5-00		LITTLE KRAKER 17 (D,S) P Jones 4-8-4	D Holland (5)	18
10	-000		MADAM JAC 125 R Akehurst 5-8-4	Ron Hills (3)	13
11			ROCQUAINE BAY M Bolton 4-8-4	W Newnes	5
12	00		TARKESHA 13 D Morris 5-8-4	M Hills	5
13	0135		YONGE TENDER 14 (B,F,G) J Wharton 4-8-4	J Williams	19
14	04		DUCKEY FUZZ 13 J Sutcliffe 3-8-3	M Roberts	20
15			AUCELOUN R Johnson Houghton 3-8-2	A Clark	7
16	23-4		BLUE TAIL 23 P Makin 3-7-13	W Carson	18
17	3560		BUD'S BET 8 L Hoa 3-7-12	A McGlone	10
18	2554		PRINCE ROONEY 24 (V) P Butler 3-7-12	T Williams	14
19	0-00		ECHO LADY 29 G Balding 3-7-7	N Carlisle	11
20	4-00		TOLEDO BAY 14 (B,F) R Hannon 3-7-7	B Doyle (5)	4

11-4 Blue Tail, 3-1 Just A Step, 5-1 Duckey Fuzz, 13-2 Yonge Tender, 8-1 Auceloun, 10-1 Madam Jac, Nevada Mix, 12-1 others.

8.25 ROBERT BLOTT ASSOCIATES HANDICAP
(£3,523: 1m 1f) (12)

1	12-0		SCALES OF JUSTICE 41 (D,F,G) J Hills 5-9-11	M Hills	3
2	201-		HYPNOTIST 310 (F) C Cyzer 4-9-4	T McLaughlin (7)	4
3	5-40		KORACLE BAY 24 (F) C Wall 4-8-13	W R Swinburn	12
4	0021		TAYLORS PRINCE 18 (D,F) H Collingridge 4-8-12	J Fortune	6
5	4422		TIGER CLAW 10 (F) R Hodges 5-8-10	W Carson	10
6	0-00		EL VOLADOR 70 (F) M Channon 4-8-9	M Wigham	9
7	00-5		POSSESSIVE LADY 25 (F,G) M Bell 4-8-2	M Roberts	8
8	-531		LES AMIS 16 (F,G) M Ryan 4-8-1	F Norton (7)	2
9	-450		GOLD TRUST 46 P Makin 4-7-12	Dale Gibson	3
10	500-		STRIDE HOME 277 (B,F,S) M Madgwick 8-7-10	S O'Gorman (3)	1
11	0/0		SMITH'S PEAK 22 R O'Sullivan 7-7-7	D Biggs (5)	7
12	0150		MEADS BROW 6 (B) R Voorspuy 5-7-7	S Dawson	11

3-1 Tiger Claw, 4-1 Les Amis, 5-1 Possessive Lady, Taylors Prince, 6-1 Scales Of Justice, 8-1 Koracle Bay, 10-1 El Volador, 12-1 others.

8.55 AVANT GARDE HANDICAP
(£3,611: 6f) (13)

1	30-2		FARFELU 21 (D,F) W Muir 4-10-0	S Whitworth	6
2	40-8		CAROMISH 13 (C,D,G,S) M Usher 4-9-11	M Wigham	9
3	0000		RESPECTABLE JONES 8 (D,F,G,S) G Balding 5-9-5	J Williams	11
4	00-5		BELFORT RULER 13 (CD,F) B Gubby 4-9-5	W Newnes	3
5	00-0		CITY LINK PET 8 (C,F,G) D Wilson 5-9-5	B Rouse	12
6	-041		BAYSHAM 29 (V,G) B Millman 5-9-3	R Price (5)	13
7	8001		AUGHFAD 8 (V,F,G,S) T Casey 5-8-1	J Reid	2
8	-006		SAMURAI GOLD 28 (D,G,S) D Elsworth 3-8-13	R Cochrane	5
9	5230		BANBURY FLYER 23 (F) Mrs A King 3-8-10	W R Swinburn	10
10	0033		HARRY'S COMING 6 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 7-8-10	M Roberts	1
11	0-50		ALCANDANCE 16 (CD,F) C James 4-8-9	D Holland (5)	8
12	2466		COPPERMILL LAD 8 (CD,F,S) L Holt 8-8-8	N Adams	4
13	1034		ZINBAQ 18 (D,G,S) C Benstead 5-8-2	T Williams	7

9-2 Bayshem, 11-2 Aughfad, 6-1 Banbury Flyer, Harry's 7-1 Coming, 8-1 Farfelu, 10-1 Alcandance, Zinbaq, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Hills, 9 winners from 40 runners, 22.5%; J Gosden, 5 from 25, 20.0%; R Johnson Houghton, 13 from 70, 18.6%; C Wall, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Makin, 11 from 71, 15.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; B Raymond, 12 from 52, 23.1%; Pat Eddery, 81 from 369, 22.0%; M Hills, 15 from 83, 18.1%, W Carson, 59 from 343, 17.2%; J Reid, 29 from 185, 15.7%.

NEWCASTLE

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	MICHAEL SEELY
2.15 Snaadee.	2.15 Snaadee.	2.15 Snaadee.
2.45 Prohibition.	2.45 Prohibition.	4.15 Circuit Ring.
3.15 Futuh.	3.15 SHE'S SMART (nap).	4.45 EVERY ONE A GEM (nap).
3.45 Toms Verdict.	3.45 Toms Verdict.	
4.15 CIRCUIT RING (nap).	4.15 Casa Bella.	
4.45 Tell No Lies.	4.45 Every One A Gem.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 Every One A Gem..

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 DIAMOND MINE.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (WATERED) DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.15 USA BOSCAWEN PAID 5 CENTS MAIDEN STAKES (£2,660: 7f) (5 runners)

1	(2)	0/26-400	GREY AREA 6 (B) (Mrs S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-10	S Keightley	87
2	(5)		SNAADEE (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-10	Pat Eddery	—
3	(3)		GRANNY MC (Mrs S Alston) E Alston 4-9-5	K Fallon	—
4	(4)	02-3	CANAAN VALLEY (14) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 3-8-13	A Cruz	99
5	(1)		SEA WATCH (S Fustok) J Etherington 3-8-8	K Darley	—

BETTING: 1-5 Snaadee, 7-1 Canaan Valley, 10-1 Sea Watch, 33-1 Grey Area, 50-1 Granny Mc.
1990: FINJAN 3-8-11 G Baxter (4-6 fav) P Walwyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREY AREA, towards rear, behind Lust Of Love in a handicap at Doncaster (7f, good to firm). Previously, staying-on 5½l 4th of 16 to Creasily in a handicap at Redcar (7f, hard). CANAAN VALLEY 3½l 3rd to Noble Flutter at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). Previously, 2¾l 2nd to Redden Burn at Ripon (6f, good) last June. SNAADEE a $750,000 full-brother by Danzig to smart Mill Reef Stakes winner Juvenile Russian Bond. Dam a winner at up to 7f. GRANNY MC third foal, dam tailed off on only start. SEA WATCH fourth foal, by Chief Singer. Dam a 5f winner as a juvenile. No selection.

2.45 2d TYRIAN PLUM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,880: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	45-5024	PROHIBITION 9 (BF,D,F,G,S) (J Brown) J Berry 4-8-13	J Carroll	98
2	(5)	00-5640	GENTLE HERO 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (M O'Grady) M Naughton 5-8-8	K Fallon	99
3	(1)	0300-00	FINAL ACE 13 (V,F) (S Fustok) J Etherington 4-8-7	K Darley	92
4	(2)	1600-05	NUCLEAR EXPRESS 4 (F,G,S) (P Clark) D Chapman 4-8-6	S Wood (3)	95
5	(6)	00/303-1	ATALL ATALL 7 (D,F,G) (S Monaghan) G Moore 8-8-5	N Kennedy (5)	95
6	(3)	000/00-	DENCAST 34J (R Papworth) M Chapman 4-7-12	G Bardwell	—

BETTING: 7-4 Atall Atall, 3-1 Prohibition, 9-2 Nuclear Express, 5-1 Final Ace, 7-1 Gentle Hero, 20-1 Dencast.
1990: CUMBRIAN EXPRESS 5-8-9 M Birch (11-8 fav) M H Easterby 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PROHIBITION 3½l 4th to Grand Prix in a handicap at Goodwood (6f, good). Previously, running-on neck 2nd to Cumbrian Waltzer in a handicap at York (6f, good to firm). GENTLE HERO 8½l 9th to Fizz Time in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). FINAL ACE well-beaten 10th of 11 behind Parliament Place in a handicap at Thirsk (7f, good to firm). NUCLEAR EXPRESS 9½l 5th to Plain Fact at Redcar (5f, firm). ATALL ATALL got up close home to beat Rancho Mirage a short head at Haydock (6f, good). DENCAST tailed off behind Autumn Vine in maiden at Southwell (7f, AW, standard). Selection: PROHIBITION (nap)

3.15 1856 BRITISH GUIANA 1 CENT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £7,440: 5f) (6 runners)

1	(4)	1-12150	HAKY 20 (G) (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 9-7	Emma O'Gorman (5)	92
2	(1)	21232-2	FUTUH 20 (F) (Hamden Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0	R Hills	99
3	(6)	24123-2	FOOD OF LOVE 16 (CD,F) (J Abell) J Berry 8-13	J Carroll	83
4	(2)	13414-3	SHE'S SMART 13 (D,F) (S Shaw) M H Easterby 8-3	J Lowe	92
5	(3)	301310-	BEAU VENTURE 203 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 8-3	K Darley	96
6	(5)	40650-4	MISS EL ARAB 8 (D,F,G) (M Graham) E Alston 7-7	N Kennedy (5)	83

Long handicap: Miss El Arab 7-6.
BETTING: 9-4 She's Smart, 3-1 Futuh, 7-2 Food Of Love, 5-1 Haky, 8-1 Beau Venture, 12-1 Miss El Arab.
1990: KATZAKEENA 9-1 B Raymond (4-1) P Makin 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

HAKY 6l 7th to Arturian at Newmarket (6f, good). Previously, awarded race when ¾l 2nd to Casilo at Kempton (6f, good). FUTUH running-on head 2nd to Doublova at Newmarket (6f, good). FOOD OF LOVE short head 2nd to Madeille D'Or at Kempton (5f, good to firm). SHE'S SMART 1½l 3rd to Premier Touch at Thirsk (6f, good to firm). Best Spinechiller 1½l in a nursery at Redcar (5f, firm) last August. BEAU VENTURE beat Prenonsense 1½l at Newmarket (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. MISS EL ARAB 2½l 4th to Bellesecret at Catterick (5f, good to firm). Selection: HAKY

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider B – brought down. S – slipped up R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good S – soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.45 POST OFFICE MAURITIUS 1d AND 2d COVER STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,114: 5f) (4 runners)

1	(4)	41	COMPUTER KID 29 (D,F) (Datasport Ltd) G Moore 9-0	K Fallon	85
2	(3)	111	DIAMOND MINE 37 (D,F,G) (P Savill) J Berry 9-0	K Darley	98
3	(1)	31	TOMS VERDICT 7 (D,F) (M McDonnell) W O'Gorman 9-0	A Cruz	90
4	(2)	1	TRATTORIA 13 (D,F) (Mrs J Ramos) Denys Smith 8-9	B Rouse	78

BETTING: 13-8 Diamond Mine, 9-4 Toms Verdict, 3-1 Trattoria, 4-1 Computer Kid.
1990: TIMELESS TIMES 9-0 A Munro (4-5 fav) W O'Gorman 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

COMPUTER KID beat subsequent winner Rocky Water 1½l at Redcar (5f, hard). DIAMOND MINE beat Try Leguard 1½l at Catterick (5f, good to firm), with COMPUTER KID (10lb worse off) 6½l 4th. TOMS VERDICT beat previous winner Mamma's Too 1½l at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). Previously, 6l 3rd to impressive Magic Ring at Windsor (5f, good). TRATTORIA beat Stormswept a head at Thirsk (5f, good to firm). Selection: DIAMOND MINE

4.15 INDIA 1/2 ANNA SCARLET SCINDE DAWK HANDICAP
(£2,954: 2m) (10 runners)

1	(1)	21436-3	CIRCUIT RING 9 (D,F,G) (Lahsma Ltd) P Calver 5-9-10	S Perks	99
2	(2)	55/0101	RAJANPOUR 9 (B,D,F,S) (Mrs R Smith) R Curtis 8-8-10 (3ex)	G Bardwell	90
3	(4)	006061/	SILK DEGREES 20J (D,F) (G Keary) W Storey 5-8-5	K Fallon	—
4	(7)	6020-36	CASA BELLA 11 (BF) (Mrs C Hartley) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-3	M Wood	82
5	(5)	056046-	GALLOWAY RAIDER 15J (D,F,G) (J Benchi) Denys Smith 7-8-3	N Kennedy (5)	88
6	(10)	5301/30	COST EFFECTIVE 17 (V,D,F) (Miss D Woods) M Brittain 4-8-1	S Maloney (5)	95
7	(6)	8-5051	LEGAL WIN 11 (V,F) (Lord White of Hull) M Bell 3-7-13 (3ex)	R Fox	89
8	(8)	4-42625	BEAN BOY 17 (F,S) (Mrs S Easterby) M H Easterby 13-7-12	J Lowe	99
9	(9)	/0/6204	COSMIC RAY 4J (P Aconley) Mrs V Aconley 6-7-9	S Wood (3)	95
10	(3)	5600-00	ONE FOR THE CHIEF 27 (Mrs J Button) R Whitaker 3-7-9	—	89

BETTING: 11-4 Rajanpour, 7-2 Circuit Ring, 4-1 Beau Boy, 11-2 Legal Win, 7-1 Casa Bella, 10-1 Cost Effective.
1990: SAXON COURT 4-10-0 S Whitworth (9-2) K Brassey 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAJANPOUR beat Phenomineux 1l at Goodwood (2m 50yds, good to firm), with CIRCUIT RING (9lb better off) a neck 3rd. SILK DEGREES beat Tokopeana 1½l at Warwick (2m, firm) on final start on the Flat in October 1989. COST EFFECTIVE 3l 3rd to Laffaddio at Beverley (2m 40yds, firm) on penultimate start. Previously, beat BEAN BOY (9lb better off) 1½l at Doncaster (2m 110yds, good to firm), with COSMIC RAY (7lb better off) 2¼l 4th and RAJANPOUR (3lb better off) well behind 17th. LEGAL WIN beat Emelen ¾l at Bath (1m 5f 12yds, firm). Selection: BEAN BOY

4.45 3d NEW CARLISLE ENVELOPE HANDICAP (£3,785: 1m 2f 32yds) (6 runners)

1	(1)	84203-0	TELL NO LIES 60 (Mrs A Johnstone) Lord John Fitzgerald 4-8-10	R Hills	93
2	(4)	060-331	CAREFREE TIMES 18 (F,G) (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 4-8-7	N Connorton	91
3	(5)	2-10411	EVERY ONE A GEM 7 (D,F) (G Greenl) M Ryan 4-8-1 (5ex)	G Carter	99
4	(3)	03-3305	BRECKENBROUGH LAD 17 (D,S) (C Greensit) T Barron 4-8-13	V Halliday (7)	97
5	(2)	80083/4-	K-BRIGADE 407 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 6-8-8	K Fallon	—
6	(6)	304302	NORTHGATE KING 7 (S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 4-8-2	K Darley	98

BETTING: 2-1 Every One A Gem, 3-1 Carefree Times, 7-2 Tell No Lies, 11-2 Northgate King, 7-1 Breckenbrough Lad, 16-1 K-Brigade.
1990: TIDEMARK 3-9-0 L Dettori (2-1) L Cumani 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAREFREE TIMES beat Glessondale 1l at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good). Previously, 7½l 3rd to Admiralty Way at Chester (1m 2f 85yds, good to soft). EVERY ONE A GEM beat Rapid Lad 3l at Pontefract (1m 2f, firm). Previously, beat Tiger Claw a neck at Brighton (1m 2f, firm). K-BRIGADE 4l 4th to Hot Star at Ayr (1m 5f, heavy) on final start last season. NORTHGATE KING ¾l 2nd to Caspian Gates at Pontefract (1m 4f, firm). Selection: EVERY ONE A GEM

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Stoute	11	36	28.9	Pat Eddery	14	44	31.8
M Ryan	5	24	20.8	G Carter	10	50	20.0
H Thomson Jones	4	26	15.4	J Carroll	15	86	17.4
J Berry	17	112	15.2	S Parks	5	40	12.5
M H Easterby	27	181	14.9	K Fallon	7	58	12.1
F Lee	4	27	14.8	G Bardwell	3	25	12.0

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.00 Massi Mara.	2.00 Massi Mara.
2.30 Miss Grosse Nez.	2.30 Factually.
3.00 Strange Knight.	3.00 Strange Knight.
3.30 Matter Of Law.	3.30 Ice Magic.
4.00 La Sky.	4.00 Niani:
4.30 Lidanzia.	4.30 Il Bambino.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 MASAI MARA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 LANGWITH APPRENTICE CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,656: 1m 2f) (12 runners)

1	(3)	0-052	MASAI MARA 11 (F Brant) L Cumani 8-12	J Weaver	99
2	(4)	0-01	WEDNESDAYS AUCTION 11 (G) (J Ali) B Hanbury 8-10	L Newton	84
3	(10)		EMMA VICTORIA (M Taylor) T Kersey 8-8	J Fordham (5)	—
4	(5)	8320-30	LUCKY NOIRE 18 (Mrs C Harrison) G Harwood 8-7	J D Smith (5)	92
5	(11)	133135-	MAGICAL DREAM 228 (C,BF,F,G) (Triangle Ltd) J Etherington 8-3	J Fanning	91
6	(12)	0-606	MIZYAN 14 (Miss P Rivers) J Czerpak 8-2	Mick Denero	80
7	(2)	400-000	POIRE DU NORD 2 (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 8-2	G Parkin (3)	—
8	(9)	00	MEIKLUP 20 (E Eldin) E Eldin 7-13	P Turner (3)	71
9	(8)	00	SPARK OF PERSIA 20 (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-13	F Norton	86
10	(1)	00-3	MEALLWASHA 24 (I Wills) J Fanshawe 7-12	P Hutton	98
11	(7)	0-	SWEET DECREE 340 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 7-12	T McLaughlin (5)	—
12	(6)	05	ENFANT DU PARADIS 11 (D Newton) P Evans 7-8	A Garth (3)	75

BETTING: 11-4 Masai Mara, 7-2 Wednesdays Auction, 4-1 Meallwasha, 6-1 Magical Dream, 7-1 Lucky Noire, 12-1 Enfant Du Paradis, Mizyan, 16-1 others.
1990: TISLAM 8-1 R Smith (8-1) B Hanbury 10 ran

2.30 CINDERHILL MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
(2-Y-O fillies: £2,208: 5f) (7 runners)

1	(7)	0	ARABELLAJILL 20 (Mrs J Cash) T Hallett 8-11	N Adams	—
2	(3)		FACTUALLY (G Carroll) B Hanbury 8-11	B Raymond	—
3	(6)		JELLYROLL BLUES (Mrs S Wherit) Mrs G Reveley 8-11	A Proud	—
4	(5)		MISS GROSSE NEZ (Miss A Campion) J Berry 8-11	J Murray	—
5	(2)		RED VERONA (P Blacker) E Wheeler 8-11	S Dawson	—
6	(1)	0	ROXY MUSIC 25 (D Macrae) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
7	(4)		SASPARELLA (T Blackwell) W Jarvis 8-11	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 11-8 Factually, 5-2 Sasparella, 4-1 Miss Grosse Nez, 8-1 Roxy Music, 10-1 Arabelladjll, Jellyroll Blues, 14-1 Red Verona.
1990: DALE HILL DAISY 8-11 T Quinn (12-1) B McMahon 11 ran

3.00 BAGTHORPE SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,857: 6f) (15 runners)

1	(14)	0	HOT SEAT 10 (Mrs C Steele) J Bottomley 8-11	Paul Burke	—
2	(7)		HUSTHWAITE HILLS (Mrs M Smithson) M Tompkins 8-11	C Hodgson (5)	—
3	(1)	00	JOLITO 20 (K Payne) J Czerpak 8-11	J Murray	—
4	(2)	554	KING OPTIMIST 17 (D Tate) A Smith 8-11	S Webster	76
5	(12)	08	PONTE CERVO 23 (W Marsh) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	W R Swinburn	80
6	(9)	636	READY TO DRAW 10 (M M Racing Ltd) Ronald Thompson 8-11	A Proud	86
7	(13)	50	ROMANTIC DANCER 6 (T Smith) R Curtis 8-11	L Dettori	97
8	(15)	62	STRANGE KNIGHT 20 (M Wickens) P Haslam 8-11	L Piggott	99
9	(10)	0	BETWEEN TWO FIRES 70 (J Clayton) J Berry 8-6	M Hills	—
10	(4)	00	DEIGHTON LASS 13 (Mrs P Mellen) M Dods 8-6	R Lappin	—
11	(3)	0	HANDY LASS 34 (J Rose) J Wharton 8-6	J Quinn	—
12	(8)	0402	HAXBY LASS 10 (D Pike) M Britain 8-6	W Carson	94
13	(11)		JESTLOVE (G Boorman) J Hetherton 8-6	W Newnes	—
14	(6)	520313	OR

Botham loses Test part as starring role looms

By ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

IAN Botham, still one of the most magnetic of sporting draws, yesterday gave up his part in one big occasion and adjusted his sights to another. No sooner had Botham confessed that he has no chance of recovering from hamstring trouble before the first Cornhill Test against West Indies at Headingley starting next Thursday than he was being handed an immediate, high-profile chance to reclaim his place for the second.

Yesterday's draw for the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup pits Worcestershire, featuring Botham, against Essex, led by the England captain, Graham Gooch. This glamorous tie could fill Chelmsford twice over on June 12, especially now that it is the game that has been earmarked for Botham's latest comeback.

Botham, injured in the first Texaco Trophy international last Friday, would have been almost as automatic a choice for the Headingley Test as he always was in his pomp. But with a striking honesty about his speed of recovery at the age of 35, he yesterday ruled himself out of contention.

"I don't think I could honestly say I could get through a five-day match," he said. "To be fair to the team, and to myself, I think it is best if I say no now. It is up to me to be sensible with the injury and then, hopefully, get some runs and wickets as soon as I get back."

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

Lancashire v Yorkshire
at Old Trafford

Essex v Worcestershire
at Chelmsford

To be played on Wednesday, June 12

If Botham's news simplified the job of the England selectors when they convened yesterday it did nothing for the task of those who must distribute 8,000 tickets for the Chelmsford semi-final. Worcestershire alone have 6,000 members, plus an enthusiastic travelling support of non-members, whose chances of obtaining tickets are nil within an allocation of one-third of the ground capacity.

Essex will have no sympathy, as they have their own problems satisfying the inevitable demand and shoehorning all those who do get lucky into a ground which, despite the many, worthy improvements, seems more inadequate each year.

This game will revive discussion on neutral venues for cup semi-finals, fast becoming a hardy annual at meetings of the Test and County Cricket Board but never yet voted on. Although it would make sense to stage this match at, say, the Oval, where another 10,000 could see it, the argument against the precedent is that it would be expensive and unnecessary to use a Test ground for a semi-final between two unfashionable clubs.

For four days before the semi-final, ironically, Essex and Worcestershire will also be in opposition at Ilford, for a championship match and a Sunday game, although Gooch, of Essex, and Hick, of Worcestershire, to name but two luminaries, will be engaged elsewhere.

The prospect remains, in fact it could be thought odds-on, of a repeat of last year's Benson and Hedges Cup final, in which Worcestershire did themselves little justice. They have yet to win either of the knockout cups despite reaching six finals and if they have not come kindly out of this draw they have at least avoided the holders, Lancashire, who have a Roses battle on their hands at Old Trafford.

Yorkshire were among the outsiders for this competition when it began and their emphatic quarter-final defeat of Warwickshire was the nearest thing to a surprise in the round. Given another tie at their Headingley home, where bowlers such as Sidebottom are so effective, they might have upset their neighbours. But in Manchester, where Lancashire have now been drawn for three consecutive semi-finals, the task is formidable.

They toyed with Northamptonshire on Wednesday and their batting is so deep that no target seems beyond them. Despite all this, a full house of 20,000 is guaranteed for a rare and evocative Roses occasion and, in such an atmosphere, anything could happen.



Botham: cup return

Back injury continues to niggle Edberg but Wilander and Leconte bow out

Ivanisevic's wheels fall off

From ANDREW LONGMORE, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, PARIS

THE Troubles of Ivanisevic sounds like a classic of Russian literature, but is actually more a fable of modern tennis. Just a year ago, the game was so easy for the young Yugoslav. Uncluttered, unbothered, he just hit the ball and let others do the worrying.

Yesterday, as he lost tamely to Paul Haarhuis in the third round of the French Open, the 19-year-old looked confused and downhearted, sure of only one thing: that he wanted to get his defeat over and done with as quickly as possible.

At present, his game is like an old motorcycle in bits on the kitchen floor. Individually, the parts might be in good working order, but collectively the whole thing is useless and Ivanisevic and Bob Brett, his new mechanic, have only a month to put the machine back together again.

"Last year I did not prepare much for Wimbledon, but I played good. I hope to be able to fix my serve and my head before this year's Wimbledon. It's important to me because I know I can do well," he said.

Any relation to the rumbustious youth that took no less a man than Becker to four sets in the Wimbledon semi-finals is purely coincidental. After he had lost the first set to the Dutchman, missed two break points in the sixth game of the second and then had been broken immediately, Ivanisevic gave up the fight. Not as extrovertly as he sometimes does, but inwardly and completely.

And Haarhuis knew it. "Once he lost that game at 3-2 in the second set, he was down," he said.

At least the No. 8 seed realises the problem. Earlier in the year, as he threw away match after match, he did not seem to understand even that. "It is easy when things are going well for you," he said. "But I need to win matches when I am down. Like Becker did. That's why he's No. 2 in the world. Last year I came back a lot, this year I am not strong enough."

Ivanisevic was the most pronounced, but by no means the only misfire on a day ripe for overheating.

Stefan Edberg needed treatment for his back midway through a stuttering four-set victory over Horst Skoff and was constantly stretching to ease the pain. Skoff stretched him, too, but, like Woodbridge with Becker the previous day, was a little sceptical about the extent of the injury. "Whenever he grabbed his back, he seemed to come to the net even faster," he said.

With Edberg, though, the conspiracy seems to be more in the silence than the injury. "I don't see any point talking about it now," he said. "I am not exactly sure what it is but I have had some problems the last couple of weeks. I just have to look after it and take treatment."

The problem, which required the services of a chiropractor in Düsseldorf last week, was more niggling than terminal yesterday, though quite what would have happened if Skoff had converted the one point he had to take a two sets to one lead, not even Edberg could say.

Once he had lost the subsequent tie-break, the Austrian, who has the build and the pace of a prop forward, slowed appreciably and Edberg came through to the third round, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Fabrice Santoro, the hero of France's Davis Cup victory over Australia a fortnight ago, was another mysterious injury victim. Reports said that he had been advised by his doctor not to play because of a twisted knee, but his opponent, Mats Wilander, showed the only sign of suffering, to pocket and pride.

Beaten in straight sets by somebody who played a game uncannily similar to, but rather better than, his own, the Swede refused to come to the interview room to explain his defeat and was fined $2,000. Just conceivably, that will be the last we will see of the former world No. 1 for quite a time. If so, the court where he won three French championships was as good a place to bow out as anywhere.

His face lined and drawn, Wilander looked considerably older than his 26 years. So, too, did Henri Leconte, who was blowing hard long before he was beaten by Marian Vajda, of Czechoslovakia. Vajda is from the same mould as Skoff, but with a touch more scrum half. His delight as he reached the third round of the French for the first time was straight from the Leconte manual of theatricals.

So far, the top seeds in the women's singles have been positively freewheeling through the draw. Gabriela Sabatini set the pace by beating Emanuel Zardo for the loss of two games in an hour, a time bettered by three minutes by Jana Novotna and five by Jennifer Capriati. All three of them together played less tennis than Edberg.

The only pair who did anything to advertise the claim for equal prize-money were the young American, Linda Harvey-Wild, and Laura Gildemeister. They went at it for 46 games before Harvey-Wild won 7-6 (9-7), 6-7 (9-7), 11-9 in 3hr 29min.



Back to the wall: Stefan Edberg serves through the pain against Horst Skoff

RESULTS FROM ROLAND GARROS

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: J Connors (US) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 0-6, 6-4; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt A Krickstein (US), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; P Haarhuis (Neth) bt G Ivanisevic (Yug), 6-1, 6-4, 6-1; S Edberg (Swe) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-4, 5-7, 7-6, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt C Dosedel (Cz), 7-5, 6-2, 6-4; C Costa (Sp) bt T Benhabiles (Fr), 7-5, 6-1, 6-2; J Yzaga (Peru) bt D Prescariu (Rom), 6-2, 6-2, 6-0; T Martin (US) bt G Muller (US), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4; A Boetsch (Fr) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 6-3, 6-3; M Vajda (Cz) bt H Leconte (Fr), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6, 6-4; M Stich (Ger) bt R Krajicek (Neth), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-2; G Markus (Arg) bt D Perez (Uru), 2-6, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt M Wilander (Swe), 6-2, 6-3, 6-2; J Courier (US) bt W Ferreira (SA), 6-2, 6-3, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES: First round: H Davids and J Siemerink (Neth) bt J Grabb and P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 6-3; G Bloom (Isr) and P Wekesa (Ken) bt M Damm (Cz) and J Onsins (Br), 7-6, 6-3; S Casal and E Sánchez (Sp) bt R Bathman and R Bergh (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; T Woodbridge and M Woodforde (Aus) bt P Korda and N Utsyo (Swe), 6-4, 6-3; J Lozano (Mex) and C Miniussi (Arg) bt S Davis and David Pate (US), 8-7, 6-3, 6-2; V Flegl (Cz) and G Prpic (Yug) bt W Mestar and J Stoltenberg (Aus), 7-6, 6-4; T Carbonell (Sp) and H de la Pena (Arg) bt D Flach (US) and D Nargiso (It), 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; G Forget (Fr) and J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe) and M Mortensen (Den), 7-6, 7-5; D Engel and O Jonsson (Swe) bt T Benhabiles and C Pioline (Fr), 6-4, 7-6;

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Second round: R Reichvilova (Cz) bt M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz), 6-4, 6-1; E Reinach (SA) bt H Gioffi (US), 6-3, 6-1; N Sawamatsu (Japan) bt R Base (US), 6-0, 7-6; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Goodridge (Aus), 6-1, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-3, 5-7, 6-1; J Novotna (Cz) bt P Hy (Can), 6-2, 6-1; G Sabatini (Arg) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-1, 6-1; S Cecchini (It) bt C Suire (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; E Brioukhovets (USSR) bt C Caverzasio (Switz), 6-2, 6-2; C Martinez (Sp) bt S Reha (US), 6-1, 7-6; R McQuillan (Aus) bt G Fernandez (US), 6-2, 6-2; H Kelesi (Can) b H Sukova (Cz), 4-6, 7-5, 6-0; M Pierce (Fr) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-3, 6-0; J Capriati (US) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-1; A Huber (Ger) bt F Bonsignori (It), 6-0, 6-2; C Cunningham (US) bt J Holland (Fr), 6-2, 7-5; L Harvey-Smith (US) bt L Gildemeister (Peru), 7-6, 6-7, 11-9; M Kidowaki (Japan) bt N Van Lottum (Fr), 6-3, 5-7, 8-6; M Seles (Yug) bt M De Swardt (SA), 6-0, 6-2.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: First round: L Garrone (It) and K Kschwendt (Lux) bt B Nagelsen and J Smoller (US), 6-4, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) and J Wiesner (Austria) bt V Milvidskaia (USSR) and S Sabes (Fr), 7-5, 7-6; K Adams (US) and M Bollegraf (Neth) bt K Maleeva and M Maleeva (Bul), 6-2, 6-4; N Hoosset and S Nion-Chateau (Fr) bt L Lastkova and A Nohalkova (Cz), 6-3, 7-5; L Savchenko and N Zvereva (USSR) bt M Miyagi (Japan) and S Wibowo (Indo), 5-7, 6-1, 7-5; G Helgason (US) and W Probst (Ger) bt B Schultz and C Vis (Neth), 6-3, 6-4; R Fairbank-Nideffer and E Reinach (SA) bt L Field (US) and M Strandlund (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; Y Basuki (Indo) and J Fuchs (US) bt A Grossman (US) and A Kijimuta (Japan), 6-0, 3-6, 6-2; S Farina (It) and K Godridge (Aus) bt S Hack (Ger) and H Sprung (Austria), 6-4, 7-5; L Ferrando and L Golarsa (It) bt C Benjamin (US) and A Coetzer (SA), 6-2, 6-2; K Jordan and M McGrath (US) bt L McNeil and S Reha (US), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; P Langrova and R Zrubakova (Cz) bt C Suire and S Testud (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) and H Sukova (Cz) bt R Basinski (US) and B Fulco (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; N Provis and E Smylie (Aus) bt R Rajchrtova and A Strnadova (Cz), 5-7, 6-3, 6-4; M Paz and G Sabatini (Arg) bt T Whitlinger and T Whittington (US), 6-0, 6-1;

MOTOR SPORT

Senna geared up to rub salt in Ferrari's wounds

By NORMAN HOWELL

FORMULA One has crossed the Atlantic and is back in North America for the Canadian grand prix in Montreal on Sunday. Ayrton Senna, the world champion, has already roared ahead of the field with four consecutive victories, and the odds must be on him adding another: he won in Montreal last year, and in 1988.

The Brazilian is surely a phenomenon; if he does win for the fifth consecutive time, he will be well on the way to beating Alberto Ascari's record of six consecutive wins in the 1952 season, a sequence he extended by winning three more in the early part of 1953, thus making it nine wins on the trot.

Times are, of course, different, but it must be harder now to win as consistently as Senna has. The margins are ever smaller, while the pressure is more intense. Still, Senna, McLaren and Honda seem to have everything under control. And they are not resting on their success: there are no fewer than three different semi-automatic gearbox projects being worked on, and it is certain that the one finally chosen will not go wrong.

This race will be contested over a distance of 69 laps on the Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. The flamboyant Canadian driver, in whose memory the circuit is named, was undoubtedly the wildest Ferrari had had for some time. His manner of driving ignited passions at circuits all over the world, and Ferrari could do with somebody like him to rekindle the competitive spark which seems to have got lost somewhere between the team's traditional base in Maranello, near Bologna, and the corridors of power in Turin, where Fiat, which owns the Scuderia Ferrari, has its headquarters.

The early-season bickering, fuelled by McLaren's on-track domination, has led to the departure of Cesare Fiorio, the team director, and he has been replaced by a triumvirate. One of them is Enzo Ferrari's son, Piero. He has lived in racing workshops all his life, but at 42 has no on-track experience, the tactical know-how that can still make a difference between winning and losing. Then there is Marco Piccinini. He is the politician of the trio, a veteran of the in-fighting at Ferrari, a rules and regulations man, ready to exploit any loophole in the law. And he, too, has no race-track experience.

Finally, there is Claudio Lombardi, who came from Lancia Rally, as Fiorio did two years ago. He is a quiet man, who will obviously oversee the engineering side at Ferrari. But he, too, has little or no on-track experience of Formula One racing.

It is hard to see how these men, able and worthy as they might be in their chosen fields, will be able to contain the power of McLaren, Honda and Senna. Where the latter are lean and focused, the former appear to be top-heavy and demoralised. And to add to the confusion, Ferrari is rumoured to have appointed Francesco Longanesi, the press officer of Fisa, the sport's governing body, as team manager. He is another man of talent — a former international yachtsman and chief protocol officer for Prince Rainier of Monaco. Longanesi, though, also lacks the hard edge of pit lane experience. So unless one of the two French drivers can produce something unexpected, it will be up to the Williams-Renault team, and maybe Benetton, to provide the strongest challenge to the "red 'n whites" from Woking. It is possible that this weekend there may not be much of a challenge anyway, as some sports car teams are threatening to halt the race if the organisers do not pay money owed to them. The likelihood of the race being disrupted is minimal: only rain can achieve that, and that is one area that the powers in Formula One cannot influence.

On the starting grid, Lotus will have a new driver: Johnny Herbert has taken over from Julian Bailey, and will be driving until the end of the season. This is a welcome return for the young Englishman who, together with team colleague, Mika Hakkinen, is potentially among the fastest drivers on the circuit — if their cars last the course.

CRICKET

Larkins's injury rules out return

THE former England opener, Wayne Larkins, is one of four first XI regulars still out of the Northamptonshire side for the Britannic Assurance county championship match against Derbyshire, starting at Northampton tomorrow.

Larkins is nursing a broken thumb, and left-arm pace bowler, Paul Taylor, has had a knee operation. Baptiste and Williams are also ruled out through injury. Northamptonshire are likely to keep faith with the team which lost to Lancashire in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final.

Olé Mortensen returns for Derbyshire, having been rested for the game against Kent which ended in a crushing 208-run defeat. The captain, Kim Barnett, said: "That was unacceptable and the time has come to grit our teeth and get stuck in."

The Warwickshire batsman, Asif Din, has a broken finger and is out of the match against Yorkshire at Edgbaston. Din was injured when he was hit by the Yorkshire bowler, Fletcher, in the Benson and Hedges Cup match at Headingley. He is replaced by Ratcliffe, while fast bowler, Allan Donald, top of the national averages with 29 wickets, is expected to be fit after twisting his ankle in the Cup match.

Tony Middleton stands by to play for Hampshire against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge. Middleton could replace Terry, who injured his neck during the Benson and Hedges Cup defeat against Essex.

Graeme Hick is expected to shake off a knee injury in time to play for Worcestershire against Glamorgan at New Road. Hick was injured during the Benson and Hedges Cup win over Kent. He had treatment at New Road yesterday.

Gehan Mendis is doubtful for Lancashire's match against Sussex at Old Trafford. Mendis, who hit 125 not out in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final against Northamptonshire, is struggling with an ankle injury.

Allott has a shoulder problem and Fairbrother a thigh injury. All three will have late fitness tests.

SQUASH RACKETS

Event can provide stepping stone

A FUTURE international player may be among this year's crop of more than 300 club champions from England, Scotland and Wales who start the annual Dunlop champion of champions competition tomorrow (Colin McQuillan writes).

"We saw the fruits of our earlier efforts at the very top of the tree this past season," Mark Hammersley, Dunlop Racket Sports' marketing director, said yesterday. "Paul Gregory, who turned professional after winning our title in 1985, took the British national championship in January. Sue Wright, the giant-killer of the British Open last April, was women's champion of champions in 1988."

The event has special significance, too. It is the world's largest traditionally structured tournament. Others attract more players but only this tournament regularly fields hundreds of players in a knockout competition that requires eight regional tournaments to reach separate finals over the next seven days. Then it moves into national quarter-finals and semi-finals in Coventry the following weekend, and national finals in London on June 19.

Hammersley believes in attending to the grass roots of the game. With Jonah Barrington, England's director of squash excellence, he actively recruits school-age players. "We want them to see the satisfaction the game can bring them. Champion of champions has developed into a natural bridge between the club game and the professional circuit."

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HOCKEY

Indoor championships relocated to Sheffield

IT SEEMS a strange way to end the season but this weekend the finals of the women's national clubs' indoor championships take place in Sheffield. At a time when most people are thinking of packing up for the summer, the ten finalists are heading back indoors pretending it is mid-winter (Alix Ramsay writes).

The event was originally to have been held at Crystal Palace in February, but the heavy snow put paid to that. Now rearranged and relocated to Sheffield, the new venue could cause problems as the pitch is considerably smaller than usual.

"It is a shame that, for the national final, the playing area is so small," Maggie Souyave, the Hightown coach, said. "On such a small area you don't have the space to find the other team's weaknesses."

Souyave will be hoping to lead her squad back to the title Hightown last won in 1985 and with it earn the club a place in Europe next season. Despite all her international experience, Souyave has never competed in Europe at club level. To reach that goal, Hightown must beat defending champions, Ipswich, and Ealing, in the group matches. In the other pool the strongest challenge is likely to come from Slough and Sutton Coldfield, provided they have recovered from the European clubs' and Cup Winners' Cup championships two weeks ago.

New blood in Irish Paris squad

WHILE retaining a nucleus of experience, Ireland have discarded ten players from their 1990 World Cup squad in selecting their team for the European championship in Paris next month (Sydney Friskin writes).

In preparation for this event, Ireland, who are in the same pool as England and Wales, will take part in a four nations' tournament. Starting today at Lisburn, they will play against Canada, Egypt and Switzerland, as part of the Ulster Games.

Wales continue their preparation for the championship with two matches against Italy tomorrow and Sunday on the new artificial pitch at Llys Talybont, North Road, Cardiff.

IRELAND SQUAD: I Bateman (Harlequins), R Gliddes (Lisnagarvey), G Burns (Cork C of I), D Clarke (Lisnagarvey), N Cooke (Instonians), A Dowd (Lisnagarvey), P Hallway (Instonians), R Johnson (Three Rock Rovers), J Kirkwood (Lisnagarvey), D McAnulty (Banbridge), W McConnell (Holywood '87), J McKee (Monkstown), R Madeley (Banbridge), S Martin (Holywood '87), M Steen (Cookstown, capt), R Taylor (Lisnagarvey).

☐ England begin a training weekend at Bisham Abbey today and will play a match against British Students on Sunday.

SWIMMING

New attitude puts Fibbens in contention

THE lessons of the past two years could prove the best gift as Mike Fibbens celebrates his 23rd birthday in the company of five of the world's ten fastest swimmers at Monaco today (Craig Lord writes).

Two years ago, Fibbens, of Barnet Copthall, relied largely on raw talent to break 51 seconds for the 100 metres freestyle for the first time. His confidence is no longer born of youthful arrogance, but gained from a vastly improved physical and mental preparation.

"Two years ago, I was only training about 20,000 [metres] a week, drinking every night and even smoking," he said. "This season, I've worked harder than ever before, and when I stand on the blocks, I'll know I've put the training in."

Impressive as he is at 6ft 2in and his leanest for more than two years, Fibbens will have to fight hard to finish in the best half of the eight finalists at 50 and 100 metres this weekend. Among his competition at the ninth Monte Carlo International are Matt Biondi, Tom Jager and Tommy Werner.

ATHLETICS

Sanderson returns to lead British team

TESSA Sanderson, the former Olympic javelin champion, will win her 54th cap for Britain when she leads a 26-strong team in a field events international against Italy and Spain in Oristano, Sardinia tomorrow.

It will be Sanderson's first competition since she finished ninth in last year's European championships in Split.

TEAM: Men: High jump: G Parsons (Blue Circle), W Caswell (Belgrave). Pole vault: M Edwards (Belgrave), M Bilsham (Sale). Long jump: M Forsythe (Ballymena), C Cotter (Plymouth). Triple jump: J Sweeney (Thames Valley), V Samuels (Wolverhampton). Shot: P Edwards (Walton), S Whyte (Luton). Discus: D Morris (Blackheath), S Casey (Woodford Green). Hammer: P Head (Newham), C Cook (Thames Valley). Javelin: P Yates (Blackheath). C Mackenzie (Newham). Woman: High jump: D Marti (Bromley), J Boyle (Essex Ladies). Long jump: M Rea (Annadale), E Finkin (Shaftesbury). Shot: M Augee (Bromley). M Lynes (Croydon). Discus: J McKernan (Lisburn). J Picton (Bracknell). Javelin: A Liverton (Exeter), T Sanderson (Hounslow).

☐ Colin Jackson, the European and Commonwealth high hurdles champion, will attack the world 200 metres hurdles record in an invitation event at the Welsh championships at Cardiff tomorrow.

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GOLF

Ballesteros joined by familiar foe in the lead

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

IT WAS a case of *déjà-vu* at Woburn Golf and Country Club yesterday with Severiano Ballesteros and Colin Montgomerie each scoring 66 to share the lead following the first round of the Dunhill British Masters on the Duke's course.

"Perhaps if I can keep playing this way then I'll have the chance to play alongside Seve for a little longer this week," Montgomerie said. "Let's face it my time with him lasted only one hole at Wentworth."

Montgomerie, of course, was referring to the play-off at Wentworth on Monday when Ballesteros won the Volvo PGA championship. Montgomerie pointed out that, while the game was never easy, there are times when it is. "I'm bound to think that this is my time and that I must take advantage of it."

The problem for Montgomerie is that he has struck form at precisely the moment when it can be stated with some confidence that Ballesteros has exorcised the demon which for more than one year threatened to end his career.

Ballesteros is in such a good frame of mind right now that he found the time to involve himself in conversation as he collected no fewer than nine birdies, six of which came in seven holes from the 8th.

Mark Calcavecchia, the former Open champion with whom Ballesteros was paired, seemed as surprised as any that the Spaniard was so relaxed. "In the Ryder Cup in 1989 when Ken Green and I played him and José-María Olazábal, nobody said anything, like nothing, not even that's good.

"I think I played with him once before that and nothing was said. Either he wasn't happy or I wasn't happy or both. He kind of goes about his business on the golf course. Today, Seve talked more than at anytime I've played with him."

Ballesteros is, of course, entitled to be in a good mood. What pleased him most, however, was the speed of play. The round was completed in little more than four hours which is heartening to record.

Even so it took Ballesteros more than 90 minutes to move into top gear. He was one over par standing on the 8th tee from where he hit a six-iron to six feet. That putt disappeared as did another from 25 feet at the next and, out in 33, Ballesteros was in the fast lane again.

It was not too long before he was in the driving seat. He came out of a bunker to eight feet for a birdie at the 10th. Then he made it five birdies in succession with putts of eight and ten feet on the next two greens. Ballesteros once had eight in a row in an Italian Open but his hopes of eclipsing that record ended with a par at the 13th.

That, however, was far from the end of the round. He holed from 30 feet at the 14th, dropped a shot at the next but extracted a birdie from each of the last two holes. Ballesteros had 26 putts in all on greens which are not as fast as he would like.

Montgomerie holed a 40-foot putt at the sixth. Otherwise, he made only two single putts, both of less than six feet, in a round which should give him great satisfaction. He has digested the disappointment of losing the play-off last Monday and he threatens to be a thorn in Ballesteros's side again this week.

Tony Johnstone, of Zimbabwe, managed like Montgomerie not to drop a shot as he compiled a 67 but Philip Parkin dropped two in the last six holes to lose the chance of sharing the lead.

Calcavecchia completed a 70 of which he said: "I'm not thrilled about that," he said. "I left a few shots out there on the back nine. I'm happy with the way I'm swinging the club but I hit some bad short irons. Seve? He's playing real good. He's got a lot of guts, he's a heck of a player and it's a privilege to play with him."

Sandy Lyle had hoped that his last round of 65 in the Volvo PGA Championship would lead to better things. Sadly, it was not to be. Lyle took 78, 40 of those strokes coming in the last eight holes, and with the exception of Chris Patton, of the United States, and Ove Sellberg, of Sweden, he is propping up the field.

LEADING FIRST-ROUND SCORES

(GB and Ireland unless stated)

66: S Ballesteros (Sp), C Montgomerie. 67: A Johnstone (Zim). 68: P Parkin, S Hamill, P Mitchell, G Brand Jr, H Baiocchi (SA). 69: J Bland (SA), B Ogle (Aus), P Walton, W Grant, E Darcy, K Waters, M Poxon, P McWhinney (Aus).

70: M Jiménez (Sp), D Cooper, M Calcavecchia (US), S Torrance, E Dussart (Fr), J Parnevik (Swe), H Clark, P Fowler (Aus), P O'Malley (Aus), J Rystrom (Swe), C Rocca (It), M James, B Marchbank, P Smith, D Mijovic (Can). 71: C O'Connor Jr, M Ferry (Fr), B Norton (US), I Woosnam, R Claydon, C Williams, D Gilford, A Forsbrand (Swe), J Van de Velde (Fr), V Singh (Fiji), G Ralph, P Way, F Nobilo (NZ), P Hoad.

72: J-M Cañizares, B Gallacher, R Dava (Aus), J Morse (US), R McFarland, B Barnes, M Piñero (Sp), D A Russell, S Bennett, D Feherty, M McKenzie, S Richardson, D J Russell, D Durnian.



PETER LOMAS

United in respect: From left, Nat Lofthouse, Sir Stanley Matthews, Tom Finney and Jackie Mudie form a guard of honour at Stanley Mortensen's funeral in Blackpool

Town bids reflective farewell to favourite son

By PETER BALL

IT WAS grey and cold in Blackpool yesterday morning; not a good morning for the early-season holiday-makers taking advantage of half-term, but ideal weather for the town to say goodbye to one of its greatest, and best loved, footballers, Stanley Mortensen.

Despite being the only player to score three goals in a Wembley final, in 1953 when Blackpool won the FA Cup after two unsuccessful finals, Mortensen was always "the other Stanley". But not even Sir Stanley Matthews surpassed his popularity in the town where he lived until his death last week, and the attendance at yesterday's funeral testified to that.

Old players abounded, but the presence of the secretary of the Football League, David Dent, and the Mayor of Blackpool spoke for the man and his stature. Only the FA, whose England team and premier competition he did so much to enhance, were not represented by a senior figure. "The turnout by the old players today shows just how much respect they held him in. We all loved him," his former forward colleague, Jackie Mudie, said.

He had travelled from Stoke with Matthews to join Allan Brown, George Farm, the goalkeeper in that final, who had come down from Edinburgh and Bill Perry, one of the pall bearers.

Also present, were former England colleagues or rivals, like Nat Lofthouse and Tom Finney, and possibly England's most famous referee, Arthur Ellis. "I've two memories of Morty which tell you what kind of a man he was," Lofthouse, a rival for the No. 9 England shirt, said.

"The first was my first cap for England. I took his place, and I scored two goals against Yugoslavia. And the first person to congratulate me as I came off was Morty.

"And in the 1953 final, at half-time when we were winning 3-1, he congratulated me again because I'd scored in every round. And that was Morty — a great guy, a great footballer."

As the anecdotes proliferated, many centred on Mortensen's vivid enjoyment of life. "We'd be in the dressing-room with a quarter of an hour to go, but he never arrived until then and there'd be no sign of him, we'd all be worrying because we thought if Morty was in the team we were certain of a draw at least, the manager would be tearing his hair out, and then suddenly the door would open and you'd hear: 'Have no fear, Morty's here'," Matthews said.

Yet for all their differences in style and approach to life, Matthews and Mortensen were close friends. "You look around and you see everyone and you start thinking, and it's a very sad day," Matthews said.

Matthews had joined the mourners inside a packed St John's church to hear Owen Oyston, now Blackpool's chairman, pay tribute to Mortensen.

Clubs set to suffer in survey

By PETER BALL

THE Football League yesterday rolled out its most telling weapon so far against the Football Association's proposed breakaway Premier League, the cost of the exercise. An independent survey carried out by Touche Ross, the accountants, suggests that the cost to clubs and supporters will be £45 million over the first five years.

The survey is based on the original FA proposal that the League will have only 18 clubs when it reaches its final form in five years' time, with the loss of one club from the present base of 22 each intervening year. The losses would be felt across the board.

For the four clubs who are demoted, the survey predicts that they face losing £36.8 million during the transitional period. Clubs remaining in the League would also suffer, facing a deficit of £15.3 million from the loss of central sponsorship and the gate levy.

Even the 18 surviving members of the breakaway would lose an estimated £2.7 million each during the five-year period if, as the FA propose, losses during the transitional period are borne by the premier league. The supporters may bear the brunt, Premier League clubs facing major increases in admission prices as a result.

Dorigo unlikely to tackle his former countrymen

From STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, SYDNEY

SENTIMENT demands that Tony Dorigo, who was born and bred in Adelaide, should be selected for England against Australia here tomorrow. Yet the left back, aged 25, who recognises that Graham Taylor will offer no favours either to him or to anybody else on England's tour, believes that he will not be chosen.

Although he has been ushered to the forefront of the publicity because of his background, he is prepared to continue in his role as a member of the chorus line. "I know that I'm the understudy for Stuart Pearce," he states, "so I don't expect to play.

"Naturally, it would mean a great deal to me if I was picked, but Mr Taylor has got to keep on winning and he is desperate to win all four of the games. If I could get on the pitch at some stage, that would be fantastic."

It would be a relief, too, for his grandparents, two aunts and three friends. They are to complete a five-hour round trip from Adelaide, but the England manager indicated yesterday that they will see Dorigo in action only if Pearce is injured.

"There will be no room for sentiment," Taylor said. "If I give everybody a game, I will be handing out nine new caps. The players must realise that, with a party of 23, they can't be guaranteed an appearance, or even a competitive kick."

Dorigo, a model of patience, would prefer to earn his seventh cap without favours. "I would have a better sense of achievement if I knew I was in on my ability and not through my connection. I'm constantly reminded of the situation because my teammates call me 'Aussie' and the Australians call me 'Pom'. I consider myself to be an Englishman," he said.

At the age of 15, he accepted an offer to go to Aston Villa for a four-day trial. His father accompanied him on the journey, at a cost of £600, but later returned home. Dorigo, though signed by Villa, considered packing up and following his father.

"I might have gone back to play for the Adelaide City Giants again and gone to university," he recalls. "But I was fortunate because my parents decided to join me in England. Now I'm married to an English girl, my two children were born there, and I'm happy there."

He feels that his £1.5 million move to Leeds United represents a significant step in his career. "It is an ambitious club with a very good manager and, after things had dragged on at Chelsea, at last I know what I'm doing. It has given me a new lease of life," he said.

Dorigo imagined, a year ago, that he was on the verge of establishing himself in the England side. "I was given the odd game here and there and I was starting to play well, but Stuart Pearce has had a wonderful season. He's been a revelation," he said.

Dorigo, who has started only two internationals, will have to wait for his next call-up. Taylor, who must make four changes from the side held by Argentina, suggests that he will choose an experienced line-up.

Woods will probably replace Seaman, Parker should come in for Dixon, and Clough, the substitute for Barnes against the Argentinians, is expected to retain the role. Smith's deputy is less certain. It could be the uncapped and highly promising Hirst, of Sheffield Wednesday.

☐ Keith Curle, the Wimbledon central defender who was hurt in an accidental collision with David Batty in training here on Wednesday night, will today have an operation on his fractured jaw. Although he will be unavailable for the rest of England's tour, he is likely to stay with the squad.

ENGLAND (probable): C Woods (Rangers), P Parker (Queen's Park Rangers), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), M Wright (Derby County), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Platt (Aston Villa), D Batty (Leeds United), G Thomas (Crystal Palace), G Lineker (Tottenham Hotspur), N Clough (Nottingham Forest), D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday).

Blackpool have mixed feelings

By KEITH BLACKMORE

WHEN Blackpool meet Torquay United in the final of the fourth division play-offs this evening, they will have mixed feelings. It is the club's first visit to Wembley since the Matthews FA Cup final, but it comes only a week after the death of Stanley Mortensen, who scored three times for Blackpool on that famous day in 1953.

There will be a degree of resentment that Blackpool should need the play-offs at all. On the final day of the season, they stood in second place and seemed bound for automatic promotion. Defeat by Walsall cost them that but, even so, the team has had a remarkable season. When Billy Ayre became the manager in December, they were third from bottom. By the season's end, they were perhaps the best team in the division, having won all their last 12 home matches.

Crucial to their success was Dave Bamber, a forward acquired by Ayre's predecessor, Graham Carr, on the afternoon of his dismissal.

Bamber scored 17 times in 20 matches, but his absence, through injury and illness, may have been decisive in the final phase. Bamber missed the play-off against Scunthorpe United, but is included in a 16-man squad.

In October, Torquay would probably have sniffed at the play-offs. Then they were eight points clear at the top, but a dismal run reduced them to mid-table and cost Dave Smith his job as manager. His replacement, John Impey, converted the team to a long-ball game with immediate results.

Not only did Torquay reach the play-offs, but they then overcame the more fancied Burnley to reach Wembley. Impey hopes to be able to include the forward, Mark Loram, who is recovering from an ankle injury.

Lazio deal imminent

PAUL Gascoigne's move to Lazio, the Italian club, should go through next week, according to Len Lazarus, the Tottenham and England player's business advisor.

Lazarus said a down payment was unlikely. "I think there will be a transfer, perhaps with guarantees for repayment if he doesn't recover fitness," he said. Gascoigne is due to leave hospital, after having surgery on his knee, in the next few days.

Field for Masters may be extended

By MITCHELL PLATTS

EUROPE'S leading golfers must wait to see if a change of chairman at the Augusta National club will lead to the international field being expanded for the Masters.

Hord Hardin, aged 79, has stepped down after 12 years, and Jackson T. Stephens, 67, an investment banker, has succeeded him.

Invitations to the Masters have been given sparingly to non-Americans, despite Ken Schofield, executive director of the PGA European Tour, requesting that additional players be considered.

Gordon Brand Jr, José-María Cañizares, Howard Clark, Mark James, Christy O'Connor Jr and Sam Torrance, all of whom helped Europe to retain the Ryder Cup in 1989, did not play this year. Seven of the last 12 Masters have been won by Europeans. Severiano Ballesteros (1980 and 1983) launched the sequence, since when Bernhard Langer (1985), Sandy Lyle (1988), Nick Faldo (1989 and 1990) and Ian Woosnam, this year, have gained admittance to the Masters champions' locker-room.

It is not only European golfers who have been ignored. Rodger Davis, of Australia, was the only player in the top 25 of the Sony world rankings to be excluded this year.

Stephens has been a member of the executive committee at Augusta National longer than Hardin. He is the fourth chairman in the club's 60-year history. It would appear he previously felt he had insufficient time to become chairman.

Fisher misses six putts to share lead

IDWAL Fisher, who weighs 20st 4lb and who uses a cross-handed grip, moved into a three-way tie for the lead in the English Seniors Open at Denham yesterday.

The Arizona-based Welshman missed six putts from inside eight feet, but still returned a 73 to join Bill Williams, of Long Ashton, and Nigel Paul, of Newport, Dyfed, on a two-round total of 146.

Fisher, whose golf career began after he broke his left arm playing in the second row for Bradford Northern, claimed he would have been six shots clear with better putting.

LEADING QUALIFIERS (for final 18 holes): 146: N Paul (Newport Dyfed), 73, 73; I Fisher (West Bowling), 73, 73. W Williams (Long Ashton), 72, 74. 147: I Hornsby (Pontefract), 72, 75. 148: C Hartland (Huddersfield), 75, 74. 150: P Cockroft (Halifax), 72, 78; J Gregson (Rose-on-Wye), 76, 74; T Barton (Colchester), 73, 77; T Wallis (Telford Heath), 78, 72.

Cook shines to equal course record

JAMES Cook, the Leamington and County international and Walker Cup hopeful, equalled the course record with a round of 64 to win the Lagonda Trophy at Gog Magog (a Special Correspondent writes).

Cook, the only player to finish under par, on 277, holed five putts of between six and 30 feet in the first half of his final round, four of them for birdies.

And at the last, knowing that he needed another birdie to equal the record, he laid a brave six-iron six feet from the pin and made no mistake with the putt.

LEADING FINAL SCORES: 277: J Cook (Leamington and County), 72, 72, 69, 64; 282: M McGuire (Drayton Park), 73, 70, 67, 72; 283: W Bennett (Ruislip), 75, 71, 70, 67; 284: A Tillman (Wilderness), 72, 72, 68, 72; 285: R Scott (Wanstead), 74, 70, 71, 70; N Ludwell (Selby), 74, 70, 67, 74; 286: M Roberts (Australia), 74, 68, 76, 68; 287: K Fairburn (Berwick On Tweed), 74, 71, 71, 71; 288: P Streeter (Stratford), 68, 72, 76, 72; 289: R Guy (Gog Magog), 72, 73, 71, 73; M Thompson (Ferndown), 72, 75, 71, 71.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

EUGENE, Oregon: US National Collegiate Athletic championships: 10,000m: Final* (US unless stated): 1, T Thornton (GB), 29min, 25.62sec; 2, T Williams, 29:26.92; 3, J Brown (GB), 29:36.38.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 6, Detroit Tigers 2; Seattle Mariners 8, Kansas City Royals 0; New York Yankees 7, Boston Red Sox 2; Baltimore Orioles 2, Cleveland Indians 1; Toronto Blue Jays 8, Oakland Athletics 3; Minnesota Twins 8, Texas Rangers 1; California Angels 8, Chicago White Sox 4.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 8, Chicago Cubs 1; San Francisco Giants 6, Cincinnati Reds 1; Philadelphia Phillies 2, Montreal Expos 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, St Louis Cardinals 0; Atlanta Braves 5, San Diego Padres 1; Houston Astros 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 2.

BASKETBALL

ADELAIDE: Four nation women's tournament: Final: Australia 110, Soviet Union 107 (overtime). Third place play-off: South Korea 92, China 85.

BOWLS

BATH: Open tournament: Mens Singles: Third round: R Potter bt B Vines, 21-8; A Shearing bt H Cruise, 21-16; J Doughty bt D Tovey, 21-8; J Withers bt I Wood, 21-20; W Alexander bt B May, 21-14; I Peacock bt A Whitlock, 21-16. Fourth Round: Potter bt Shearing, 21-14; Withers bt Doughty, 21-13; Alexander bt Peacock, 21-13; E Jamieson bt J Swinburne, 21-12.

WORTHING: International series: Third match: England 8, New Zealand 10 (England names first): Singles: M Briggs lost to N Hill, 25-22. Fours: J Rednall, C Simpson, G Smith and D Ward lost to M Kernaghen, P Skoglund, K Darling and M Symes, 19-15. Pairs: Rednall and Ward bt Kernaghen and Hill, 24-18. Triples: Biggs, Simpson and Smith lost to Skoglund, Darling and Symes, 20-18. Singles: D Ward 25, K Darling 20; C Simpson 25, N Kernaghen 23; G Smith 21, P Skoglund Jr 25; M Biggs 23, M Symes 22; J Rednall 25, N Hill 19. Fourth match: Singles: I Bayle 25, Hill 12. Fours: R Gass, J Lambert, G Burgess and J Bell 24, Kernaghen, Skoglund, Darling and Symes 17.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bradford: Warwickshire 339-9 dec (W Khan 68, I Steer 61, N Smith 50) and 127-8 (M Burns 50 not out; I J Houseman 5-38); Yorkshire 27-1. North Perrott: Glamorgan 350-4 dec (M J Cann 182, S P James 152) and 57-2; Somerset 276 (M Lathwell 78, N J Pringle 57). Unbridge: Lancashire 413-3 dec (S P Titchard 161 not out, T E Jesty 105, N J Speak 92) and 28-2; Middlesex 300-9 dec (J C Pooley 135, T A Radford 68, K Sharp 55 not out). Southgourne: Surrey 301-7 dec (C K Bullen 60 not out, M A Feltham 53) and 19-0; Sussex 250-4 dec (K Greenfield 136 not out) and 128-5. Match drawn. Colchester: Essex 212 (A C Seymour 84; S C Goldsmith 4-58) and 153; Derbyshire 289 (D G Cork 80, M Spencer 58; D J P Boden 5-74) and 139-3 (F Griffith 57 not out). Derbyshire won by 7 wickets. Oundle: Kent 288-7 dec and 88-0; Northamptonshire 250-8 dec (V J Wells 4-34).

MINOR COUNTIES: Carlisle: Cumberland 228-4 dec (S Dutton 101 not out) and 188 (Dutton 56); Bedfordshire 185-5 dec (R Swann 51) and 151. Cumberland won by 80 runs. Bury St Edmunds: Suffolk 72 (A Akhtar 4-30) and 119 (S M Clements 51, J Lee 5-41). Cambridgeshire 160 (D P Norman 88, R C Green 6-46) and 35-4. Cambridgeshire won by six wickets. Hartlepool: Durham 181-8 dec (D Blenkiron 71, M Briers 61; P Wasselman 4-58) and 280-3 dec (G Brown 114 not out, P Bam 71, Briers 68 not out); Hertfordshire 201-4 dec (N McLaurin 80, N Wright 69) and 258-6 (McLaurin 89, M James 53). Herts won by 4 wkts.

NATIONAL VILLAGE CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Cockbrook 73, Ince Blundell 76-3. Withnell 183-7, Newburgh 89; Whitnell Fold 89-9, Port Sunlight 89-0; Mawdesley 184-8, Brinscall 105-5; Tolt 155, Compstall 123; Oulton Park 167-5, Rostherne 112-9; Northop Hall 125-5, Marchwiel 119-9, Alvanley 224-5, Bersham 107-6; Langwith 77, Stainsby Hall 81-2, Hilton 180-8, Bradford and Edmeston 63, Tintwistle 108, Aston on Trent 107-3, Haltersage, 180-5, Old Netheresal 95; Hornsby 144-8, Stoke Goldington 128; Rushton 170-8, Weekly and Wanlcion 171-4; Oxford Downs 278-5, Beckonte 175-9; Gretton 153-6, Little Harrowden 118-9; Nassington 264-4, Billing 111.

NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Second round: Rotherham Town 190-8, Pudsey St Lawrence 192-5; Hedon 173-6, Undercliffe 179-5 (D McGrath 115 not out); Steetley 183-9, Chesterfield 85; Barnsley 186-8, Newark 119; Forest Amateurs 95, Driffield 96-4; South Northumberland 213-4 (M Anderson 116 not out), Penrith 152 (C Harker 6-28); Sunderland 195 (K Brown 5-32), Northumberland County club 142 (R Barnes 6-35); Ilkley 201-8, Bridlington 151-9; Otley 123, Oseett 125-1; Alfoths 138, Doncaster 140-5, Highway 256-9, Lufterworth 164-9; Parshore 129-7, Gloucester City 133-8; Knowle and Dorridge 147, Burnt Green 148-7; Hinckley Town 190, Shilnal 149-8.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA: Fourth stage (Sorrento, 170km): 1, E Boyer (Fr), 4hr 23min 30sec. 2, A Da Silva (Por), at 29sec; 3, C Chiappucci (It); 4, G Bontempi (It); 5, R Guerrecchi (It); 6, M Giovannetti (It), all same time. Overall: 1, Boyer, 18hr 45min 25sec; 2, F Chiocciali (It), at 8sec; 3, G Bugno (It), at 13. 4, Chiappucci, at 15; 5, M Lejarreta (Sp), at 20; 6, J-F Bernard (Fr), at 20

FOOTBALL

LIBERTADORES CUP: Finals: First leg: Olimpia (Par) 0, Colo Colo (Chile) 0.

AUSTRIAN CUP: Final: Rapid Wien 1, SV Stockerau 2

Wednesday's late results

EUROPEAN CUP: Final: Red Star Belgrade 0, Marseilles 0 (in Bari, Italy; aet; Red Star won 5-3 on pens).

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Poland 0, Wales 0 (in Radom).

TOULON UNDER-21 TOURNAMENT: England 6, Mexico 0

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round: Group 3: Soviet Union 4, Cyprus 0 (in Moscow).

GOLF

BOLTON: Old Links Challenge (PGA European Tour): Leading second-round scores (English unless stated): 138: P Kent, 67, 71. 139: A Best 70, 69. 140: W Stephens, 70, 70. 141: S Field, 67, 74. 142: P Allbeck, 71, 71, M Thomas 69, 73. 143: J Seed 68, 75.

ENGLISH OPEN SENIORS TOURNAMENT (54 holes): Leading first-round scores: Gerrards Cross: 72: I Hornsby (Pontefract), W Williams (Long Ashton), P Cockroft (Halifax) 73: T Barton (Colchester), I Fisher (West Bowling), N Paul (Newport Dyfed). Denham: 75: A Fraser (South Beds). 76: B Wheeler (Carmarthen), J Flanders (Chesm), J Aitken (Datchet), G Clark (Whitley Bay).

SANDWICH: Bar Golfing Society annual tournament: Second round: D Watson bt R Hetherington, 3 and 2, M Roberts bt A Clarke OC, 1 hole; M Harrington bt A Barnett, 1 hole; C Symons OC bt D Penny-Davey OC, 4 and 3; C Kemp bt T Preston OC, 4 and 3, J Carey bt P Reid, 2 holes; J Medd bt M Cousens, 2 and 1; Mr Justice Buckley bt E Faulks, 3 and 2; R Hayward bt Judge P Rountree, 1 hole; Mr Justice Henry bt P Jones, 4 and 3; M Neill bt R Bramilow, 1 hole; N Wilkinson OC bt R Hartley OC, 1 hole; Judge B Carter QC bt J Cartwright, 3 and 2; J West bt R Backhouse QC, 4 and 3; N Stewart bt L Read QC, 4 and 2; R Stead bt Judge S Fawcus, at 19th.

GYMNASTICS

BRISBANE: International competition: Overall: Men: 1, Li Jing (Chine), 58.05pts; 2, A Kim (USSR), 57.45; 3, B Dawrick (Aus), 57.15. Women: 1, L Milosovici (Rom) 39.25pts; 2, I Lacatus (Rom) 39.125, 3, L Stovbtcnaiss (USSR), 39.05

HOCKEY

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Germany 4, India 2 (in Krefeld).

WEIGHTLIFTING

WLADYSLAWOWO, Poland: European championships: Mid-heavyweight (up to 90kg): 1, I Czakarov (Bul), 180.0kg snatch, 210.0kg jerk, 390.0kg total 6th; 2, S Zawada (Pol), 177.5, 210.0, 387.5; 3, A Ergolu (Tur), 182.5, 197.5, 355.0. British: 10, D Singh, 140.0, 180.0, 320.0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match

11.00

TAUNTON: Somerset v West Indians.

Britannic Assurance county championship

11.0, 110 overs minimum

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Essex.

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Sussex.

LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent.

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire.

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Hampshire.

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Yorkshire.

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Uxbridge (RAF Vine Lane): Middlesex v Lancashire. North Perrott: Somerset v Glamorgan. Bradford: Yorkshire v Warwickshire.

BAIN CLARKSON SECOND XI TROPHY: Colchester: Essex v Surrey.

FOOTBALL

Barclays League

Fourth division play-off Final

Blackpool v Torquay (at Wembley, 8.0).....

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Light-heavyweight: Maurice Core (GB) v Vincent Black (US) (Free Trade Hall, Manchester). Bantamweight: Donnie Hood (GB) v Willie Richardson (US) (Hospitality Inn, Glasgow).

CYCLING: Milk Race (Ipswich to Milton Keynes).

EQUESTRIANISM: Dubai Nations Cup (Hickstead).

GOLF: Dunhill British Masters (Woburn); English Open seniors championship (Gerrards Cross and Denham); Bar Golfing Society annual tournament (Sandwich).

MOTORCYCLING: TT Races (Isle of Man).

POLO: BMW Prince of Wales Trophy (RCBPC, Windsor); Queen's Cup (Guards, Windsor); Dolar Cup (Cowdray Park); Assam Cup (Rutland Polo Club, Great Easton).

POLO

Archibald's advantage tells

By JOHN WATSON

THE two front-runners in league one of the Dunhill Queen's Cup-Davidoff Prince of Wales Trophy, Ellerston White and Munnipore, met at Stedham, Sussex, yesterday. Ellerston won 9-7 in an hour and 50 minutes.

This was largely a battle for supremacy between leading Argentine duos, the Pieres brothers for Ellerston and the Heguy cousins for Munnipore. Although this looked a well-matched contest, Ellerston had the edge. They possess a prime advantage in fielding, at one. Alastair Archibald, who looks more like a four handicap. On the other side, Bautista Heguy, of Munnipore, could be a nine rather than an eight.

Both sides being splendidly mounted by their patrons, the match swung at a relentless gallop. But that fluency was too often broken by the umpires' whistles and appealing for fouls.

A brace of penalty conversions bought Munnipore level at 6-6 in the fifth chukka, shortly after which a fine run by Brian Morrison, their No. 1, put them in the lead for the only occasion. Then, the Pieres brothers combined to make sure of the Ellerston success in the last chukka.

In the tournament's second encounter, Maple Leafs beat Rowleys 13-6. In a Dollar Cup semi-final at Ambersham, Hotel Design beat Frasers, 5-4.

ELLERSTON WHITE: 1, A Archibald (1); 2, A Pieres (10), 3, G Pieres (10); back, K Packer (1).

MUNNIPORE: 1, B Morrison (3); 2, B Heguy (8); 3, E Heguy (10); back, P Scott (1).

MAPLE LEAFS: 1, R Gutridge (4); 2, J Cells (6); 3, M Gracida (10); back, G Weston sr. (2).

ROWLEYS: 1, R Guess (2); 2, H Galindo (8); 3, O Sosa (9); back, D Jamison (3).

HOTEL DESIGN: 1, O Hughes (1); 2, Lord Tyrone (4); 3, J Ruiz Guinazu (7); back, R Zimmerman (0).

FRASERS: 1, C Emson (1); 2, P Churchward (4); 3, C Bethell (4); back, D Morley (3)

YACHTING

Smith's experience should be decisive

From MALCOLM MCKEAG IN KIEL, GERMANY

A WEEK of intensive racing begins here tomorrow for what remains of Europe's fleet of grand prix-level IOR one-tonners and two-tonners. It is a season which moves to England in July for the Royal Ocean Racing Club's (RORC) Oracle regatta at Lymington, and ends with the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup (CMAC) in August.

In the Bit Cup, for one-tonners, British interest will centre on the fight for selection between Shardana, sailed by David Bedford, and Port Pendennis, skippered by Lawrie Smith.

It is a contest between the established professional stars — all aboard Pendennis — and the young tyros aboard Shardana. The greater international experience of the Smith crew must count for much.

The new two ton class has failed to flourish since its introduction last November. Hindsight shows that the Offshore Racing Council made a mistake in setting the rating band at 35 feet, anticipating a spate of new building but putting out of class more than a dozen existing so-called Admiral's Cup mid-raters. There are but eight entries for a championship that might have drawn 20. Even so, the British CMAC two-tonner, Oracle, will face her rivals from Denmark, Germany, France and Italy in the first real showdown of the summer.

☐ Despite two attempts in Travemunde yesterday, the German leg of the 50-foot class international circuit ended with no racing, and an overall win for Paul Cayard's Abracadabra. Mike Peacock's Juno V, denied her final chance to upset Cayard, finished third overall.

RESULTS: 1, Abracadabra (P Cayard, it), 13.75pts; 2, Container (U Schutz, Ger), 14.75, 3, Juno V (M Peacock, GB), 16.75. 50-foot world series (after three regattas): 1, Abracadabra, 9.5; 2, Juno V, 10.75, equal 3, Interlude and Mandrake, 12.

IN BRIEF

Hearing delayed

DEAN Reynolds's disciplinary hearing by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) was postponed yesterday until early July.

Reynolds had been due to appear in Bristol to answer allegations of misbehaviour at the Benson and Hedges Irish Masters tournament. The hearing has been postponed to allow full legal representations to be prepared.

☐ Allison Fisher beat Sukhdir Grewal 5-4 in the Dubai Duty Free Classic in Sheffield yesterday to become the first woman to beat a man in a professional tournament.

ATHLETICS: Terry Thornton, of Britain, won the men's 10,000 metres at the US national collegiate championships in Oregon on Wednesday.

BASEBALL: Pete Rose, who made baseball history when he broke Ty Cobb's all-time base-hit record, is to portray Cobb in "The Babe Ruth Story", a made-for-television film.

BOXING: Paul Hodkinson, from Liverpool, is hoping for a rematch with Marcos Villasana, from Mexico, the WBA feather-weight champion.

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Changes essential to end the fear factor

From DAVID MILLER
IN BARI

MICHEL Platini, the manager of the French national football team, sat in the grandstand here on Wednesday night uncomfortably wondering if the so-called sport he was watching was the same game that he used to grace. What Marseilles and Red Star Belgrade gave us, instead of a European Cup final, was a load of mostly barren rubbish.

It is possible for Platini to do something about it. Not with the French team, which seems certain to qualify for the European championship next year even though it has still to play Czechoslovakia and Spain away; but with Task Force 2000, the Fifa committee on which Platini sits, together with Rudi Völler, Lennart Johansson, Graham Kelly and others, appointed by Fifa to consider the future of the game.

What future, you might fairly ask, after Wednesday night. The farcical situation which Uefa has on its hands, following a gruesomely boring final, is just as much Fifa's problem. And Bert Millichip's, as well as Kelly's.

Both Millichip, chairman of the Football Association, and Kelly will be present at the meeting of the International Board – the body jointly composed of Fifa and the British associations, which controls the laws – at the end of next week in Belfast, at which two important changes are to be considered. Either of them might radically have modified the tedious shape of an encounter that was wretchedly decided by penalties.

On the agenda is a proposal to exclude from offside the receiver who takes a pass played out of his own half of the field. Also to be debated is the question of passing back to the goalkeeper. Marseilles anaesthetised the final with exploitation of the offside tactic, compressing Red Star into their own half of the field; Red Star killed off the dormant body by passing back to Stojanovic.

Why Fifa appointed Task Force 2000, a dinosaur of a committee that will move even more slowly than Marseilles' defensive wall retreating ten yards at a free-kick – another iniquitous habitual abuse – I cannot think, unless it was further to pass the buck.

Fifa already knows what is needed to save the game – and has known, if it had half an eye open, for the past 20 years – and should do something about before it is fatally too late, and the next generation of spectators has turned to basketball, as it is doing in Spain.

"What Stanley Rous used to say, that the offside law has been good enough for a long time so why change it, is no longer true," Millichip said with unintended prophecy, an hour or two before the final here. "So much has changed. We are in another era."

It is an odd contradiction that English football, which, to the dismay of its critics, has altered less than most nations tactically in the last 30 years and has less technical refinement than leading opponents, continues to provide some of the best entertainment. The England World Cup team earned much foreign acclaim last year – never mind that it fell into shape haphazardly – and Manchester United have provided the buzz of the European club finals this year.

European competition will be the better for the return of four English clubs next season, at least in spectator appeal for all but the purists. It may be true that most English players, other than Barnes and Waddle, would fall over their own feet if they tried to emulate the touch of Prosinecki, Savicevic and Abide Pelé, but they do have the virtue of breaking into a sweat. Alf Ramsey was derided for allegedly preferring sweat to genius, in his pragmatic way; but what is the use of genius if its head cannot show?

The shame of Wednesday was that Marseilles and Red Star were two of the cleverest teams we have seen in years, but were so frightened of each other they refused to open the game. New laws must oblige them to do so. Soon.

The streets of Belgrade, unsurprisingly, were flooded with celebration last night, after Red Star's victory (by 5-3 on penalties after 120 goalless minutes); the first, ironically, by a Yugoslav club at the very moment that Yugoslavia is falling apart. It is significant that not one of Red Star's nine non-Serbian players has at any stage in the past season expressed a wish to leave on political grounds. If Franjo Tudjman and Slobodan Milosevic, the respective leaders of Croatia and Serbia, do manage to lead their peoples into civil war, it will be another of this century's many needless tragedies.

Croatia has already sought to form its own football association. If the political split comes, it will mean that the national team in the European championship next year will lose three of its best players: Boban and Suker, of Dinamo Zagreb, and Jarni, of Hajduk Split. Among many ironies, Dinamo and Hajduk have been registered for European competitions next year by the existing national federation . . . whose president is Professor Ilesic, a Slovan from Ljubljana.



Platini: uncomfortable

European Cup final prompts new debate on rules

Kelly proposes alternative to penalty shoot-out

By LOUISE TAYLOR

RED Star Belgrade's European Cup victory by penalty shoot-out has renewed pressure to change the laws of the game to discourage negative play. Graham Kelly, the chief executive of the Football Association, yesterday told *The Times* he would like to replace penalty shoot-outs with a radical new method of resolving matches which go beyond extra time.

Kelly, who returned to London yesterday after watching the sterile European Cup final in Italy on Wednesday, said: "Personally, I would wish to see matches which are drawn at the end of extra time decided by a player running from the 18-yard line and trying to beat the goalkeeper in a one-on-one situation.

"The beauty of this idea is that everyone would no longer be concerned about the problem of goalkeepers moving before the penalty-kick."

A week tomorrow, Kelly represents the FA at a meeting in Belfast of Fifa's International Board, convened to discuss law changes before the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States. The issue of penalty shoot-outs is not on the official agenda, but it is likely to be discussed in the aftermath of the European Cup final between Red Star Belgrade and Marseilles. The match, which was goalless after extra time, was won by Red Star by a 5-3 margin on penalties.

THE NEW SHOOT-OUT
The attacking player collects the ball anywhere on the 18-yard line, with the goalkeeper on his line. Once the whistle is blown, both players can move



Ljupko Petrovic, their coach, yesterday said Red Star had been specially prepared to secure the trophy via a penalty shoot-out. He said: "In the second half, I shouted to my players to be patient and to wait for the penalties. We realised we could not really beat Marseilles unless they made a mistake, so I told my players to hold out for penalties.

"We did not invent the present rules, and the rules include penalties and invite the use of tactics to reach the penalty shoot-out stage. For most of the second half, and in extra time, we were deliberately waiting for penalties."

Petrovic added that his players had spent hours practising penalty-taking in training, and Red Star's ability from the spot was, in any case, sharpened by their experience in the Yugoslav League, where all draws are settled by a shoot-out.

"We practised penalties a lot in our closed training on Tuesday, and it paid off," he said. "We were only better than Marseilles at penalties. But it is the win that counts in the end. It was not a great game.

While expressing regret that "the team that took the game to their opponents lost", Kelly saw no viable alternative to some form of sudden death.

However, Kelly was concerned that penalties were not the fairest of deciders. "Even my idea about a one-on-one situation from the 18-yard line would not be the most satisfactory of endings to a major final," he said.

"We at the FA have studied the penalty-taking at the last World Cup in Italy, and in every instance that a kick was saved, the goalkeeper moved." Accordingly, the FA has tabled a formal motion, which features on the agenda of the International Board meeting, urging a clamp-down on goalkeepers' illegal movement at penalties.

Any measure approved by the International Board in Belfast will be implemented next season. The most radical proposals on the agenda include banning back-passes to goalkeepers, restricting the application of the offside law to the 18-yard line, and preventing goalkeepers from holding onto the ball for more than six seconds.

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Atkinson to move

RON Atkinson will be appointed manager of Aston Villa within the next 48 hours (Louise Taylor writes). It represents an astonishing move for the man who led Sheffield Wednesday to victory in the Rumbelows Cup and promotion from the second divison this season.

Atkinson, aged 52, began his playing career as an apprentice at Villa Park. One of England's most flamboyant managers, he has previously been in charge of Kettering Town, Cambridge United, West Bromwich Albion, Manchester United and Atlético Madrid.

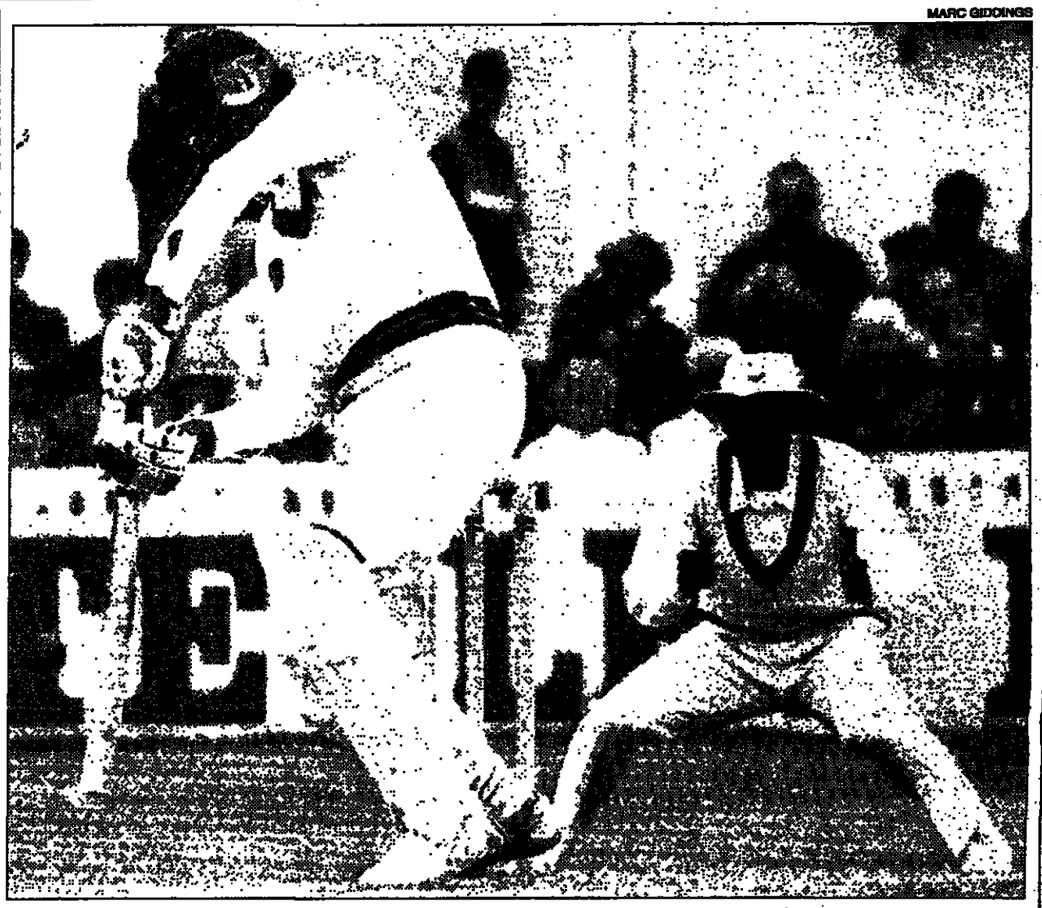
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Eyes down and looking: Jimmy Cook during his watchful innings of 162 not out against the West Indians

Cook grasps rare opportunity

By JOHN WOODCOCK

TAUNTON (second day of three): The West Indians, with all second-innings wickets in hand, are 154 runs ahead of Somerset

THE West Indians yesterday saw for themselves just how fine a batsman Jimmy Cook, the South African, is, and from all reports they were suitably impressed. Of Somerset's 270 for seven declared, Cook's share was 162 not out, the first hundred ever to be made for Somerset against a West Indian side.

With the Test series starting next week the West Indians were in no mood to give anything away or to treat it lightly ("a major concern," Lance Gibbs, the manager, said) when Haynes retired, troubled again by his back, after batting for ten overs in the evening. Ambrose and Marshall may have been missing Walsh and Patterson, but they bowled well. Allen and Anthony, two strong young newcomers, were keen to impress, knowing that they are unlikely to have many chances. But Cook treated them all alike – with due respect and calm authority.

Although he played several times for South Africa against a rebel West Indian side in the middle 1980s, this was the first chance Cook had had of playing a particularly significant innings against them.

Arguably the most momentous sporting day of the present decade will be when a West Indian team take the field for the first time in a Test match in Johannesburg or Cape Town, or South Africa do battle in Jamaica or Trinidad. Not even before apartheid did the two meet. Hopefully, Cook, now 37, will still be playing – as South Africa's captain and the cornerstone of their batting.

In the five hours 40 minutes for which he batted he hardly made a mistake. His only chance went hard and low to square leg off Marshall. It was not a dazzling innings so much as a wonderfully accomplished one. His judgment of what not to play – the way he sensed danger when it was there – was no less important and impressive than the precision with which he produced his strokes.

And when he reached his hundred there was no punching of the air, just a doffing of the helmet and a polite raising of the bat. He had a good idea by then of how hard England are going to have to work for their runs in this summer's Test matches.

The West Indians did, in fact, bowl their overs more expeditiously than usual – at 14.5 to the hour rather than the 12 or 13 which England may expect. In these Tetley Bitter Challenge matches, by the way, in which the sponsor's aim is to reward purposeful cricket, the West Indians are being required to bowl six fewer overs in a day than the Sri Lankans when they get here, 98 as against 104 – a deplorable indulgence.

Roebuck was caught at the third slip yesterday before he had a chance to settle; Hayhurst played nicely for 75 minutes before being leg-before to Marshall, not offering a stroke; Tavaré lost a highish full toss (not quite a beamer) from Ambrose and was leg-before, and Harden looked surprised to be told that he had edged Marshall to the wicketkeeper. Burns got his third duck in five first-class innings, caught at slip. Macleay was in no particular trouble until Simmons bowled him. Trump helped Cook add a brisk, unbroken 54.

But from first to last it was, of course, a one-man show.

WEST INDIANS: First innings 342 for 7 dec (C L Hooper 123, B C Lara 93)

Second Innings

*D L Haynes retired hurt	16
P V Simmons not out	43
R B Richardson not out	18
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 1)	5
Total (no wkt)	82

B C Lara, C L Hooper, A L Logie, M D Marshall, †D Williams, C E L Ambrose, H A G Anthony and I B A Allan to bat.

SOMERSET: First Innings

S J Cook not out	162
P M Roebuck c Lara b Ambrose	10
A N Hayhurst lbw b Marshall	22
*C J Tavaré lbw b Ambrose	10
R J Harden c Williams b Marshall	7
†N D Burns c Hooper b Anthony	0
K H MacLeay b Simmons	15
R F Lefebvre b Hooper	5
H R J Trump not out	20
Extras (b 2, lb 1, nb 16)	19
Total (7 wkts dec)	270

D A Graveney and A R Caddick did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-94, 3-141, 4-159, 5-160, 6-199, 7-214.

BOWLING: Ambrose 18-7-35-2; Allen 15.4-1-71-0; Marshall 15-4-35-2; Anthony 16-0-72-1; Hooper 16-1-36-1; Simmons 7-1-16-1.

Umpires: B Hassan and K Palmer.

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Boxer's stand floors bout

STEVE McCarthy, the British light-heavyweight boxing champion, yesterday pulled out of a title defence hours before it was to start, after demanding, and failing to get, more money from television companies.

McCarthy refused to go ahead after weighing in for his bout with Roy Skeldon, of Tipton, despite warnings of the consequences from officials of the British Boxing Board of Control. He will have to explain his actions to the board's stewards, and may have put his title at greater risk than if he had got into the ring at the Central Hall in Birmingham.

John Morris, the secretary, of the Board, said: "We can't afford to have anyone holding a tournament up to ransom. This is a very serious matter for Mr McCarthy."

Despite the pressure put on him, the Southampton boxer held his ground. "I have got to make a stand on behalf of boxers in general," he said. "I was only informed last night that I would be getting just £1,500 from the television companies for a fight which is being screened nationwide in pubs and clubs.

"I don't think I am being greedy in asking for more money for a British title fight. I stand to lose at least £13,000 but I think it is justified in the circumstances. I have fought for four years for peanuts and now it is about time that I began to make some money from the sport."

His arguments appeared to cut little ice with Morris. Promising an enquiry into the affair, he said: "If a boxer, his adviser or his manager have any cause for argument, the board has a perfectly good arbitration procedure. There is no reason, as we see it, for any boxer to place a tournament in jeopardy under these circumstances."

Graham Grinell, the promoter, said: "There was no way I was going to pay McCarthy any extra money. He had signed the contract for the fight several weeks ago."

□ Las Vegas – The Nevada State Athletic Commission yesterday upheld a one-year suspension and $25,000 (£14,700) fine on Murad Muhammad, Donovan "Razor" Ruddock's promoter, for brawling in the ring after Ruddock lost to Mike Tyson in March (Reuter reports).

Deaths cast a shadow over rugby festival

From CHRIS THAU IN PERTH, AUSTRALIA

AN INTERNATIONAL rugby union festival, designed to celebrate the joys of the game for the veteran, has been overshadowed by the death of three players in the past four days. Two Australians died of heart failure during play and a third, a Canadian, died before the competition began.

The Golden Oldies festival began here on Monday with 5,000 competitors from 18 countries, including England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. Teams were divided into over-35s and over-40s categories, with the oldest player being 84. Before the first game, Derek Henry, a company director from Canada, aged 53, collapsed and died after training on Sunday.

The two Australians, who have not been named, died during second-round matches on Wednesday. One of them, in his late thirties, from New South Wales, who was on a hospital waiting-list for a by-pass operation, died within minutes of his game starting. The other, who was in his early forties and came from Western Australia, collapsed while standing a few yards from the play.

Peter Bailey, the festival director, said: "We are aware that the over-40 section is a high-risk group as far as heart problems are concerned. But these are the first fatalities in over ten years of Golden Oldies movement which has involved more than 23,000. We intend to look closely at the medical implications of the recent events." The festival ends tomorrow.

Van de Dries's bid built on stamina

By PETER BRYAN

THE flatlands of East Anglia and a following wind helped produce an average speed of almost 30mph in yesterday's fourth stage of the Milk Race, which was welcomed by the Banana-Falcon squad, both individual and team leaders, because it reduced the likelihood of breakaway attempts succeeding.

Riders were still prepared to take a gamble, however, on the Great Yarmouth to Bury St Edmunds stage with the lure of a 15 seconds time bonus and £1,000 for the winner; as one attack was countered, so another started.

But always the result was the same: capture for the fugitives. Except one, the last by the Belgian amateur, Johan van de Dries, who went clear on the sixth of the ten 1.3-mile finishing-circuit laps of Bury St Edmunds.

His escape ended in the best chase of the 1,150-mile race so far. Van de Dries, whose lead wavered between 13 and six seconds, had the advantage of riding alone and out of danger from the fast-moving pack of 80 riders on the tightly cornered circuit. But he had the disadvantage of being the target for a series of fierce counter-attacks from half-a-dozen leading teams, all wanting to keep the pack together and nurse their sprint specialists for the final dash.

That the Belgian was in the lead at all was remarkable. A group of five leaders had swept on to the circuit 24 seconds ahead of the main bunch with van de Dries well towards the rear. He was baulked when riders in front fell on a sharp corner, lost 100 yards but successfully chased his way back to the bunch.

Not a specialist sprinter, van de Dries knew that he had no chance in a mass dash for the line and depended on sheer staying power for his solo bid.

It was not an easy ride. For three laps, the Collstrop team, with Harry Lodge at the front, led the pursuit to get his sprint colleague, Jan Bogaert, into position.

The pack had van de Dries within their sights with 200 yards to go but the Belgian's strength held out. His team, TVM, was invited as a professional entry but instead the sponsor, a vehicle leasing company, sent its amateur squad. Sponsored amateur teams are not permitted in international events but TVM was given special dispensation.

Chris Walker retained the overall lead for the fourth day, increasing his advantage to 23 seconds over Simeon Hempsall, the British amateur champion. Harry Lodge lost his mountain leader's red jersey when officials discovered that Tom Bamford, of New Zealand, had not been credited with one climbing victory and he now moves ahead.

RESULT: Fourth stage: Yarmouth to Bury St Edmunds (79 miles): 1, J van de Dries (Bel), 2hr 14min 37sec; 2, J Cooman (SEFB-Semcon); 3, C Walker (Banana-Falcon); 4, A Perks (GB Amateurs); 5, J Bogaert (Collstrop); 6, R Rasenberg (Belgium Amateurs), all same time. Overall: 1, C Walker (Banana-Falcon), 15hr 39min 38sec; 2, S Hempsell (England Amateurs), at 23sec; 3, K Reynolds (Banana-Falcon), at 31sec; 4, A Timmis (GB Professionals), at 41sec; 5, H Lodge (Collstrop), at 52sec; 6, R Holden (Banana-Falcon), at 57sec.
Team: 1, Banana-Falcon, 46hr 50min 51sec; 2, England Amateur 46:53.18; 3, Collstrop, 46:55.03.
TODAY: Fifth stage: Ipswich to Milton Keynes, 124 miles (start, 9.45am).

□ Sorrento, Italy (AFP) – Eric Boyer, of France, won yesterday's fourth stage of the Tour of Italy to displace Franco Chioccioli, of Italy, as the overall leader.

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